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Guard held

CUSTOMS officials at Bombay's Sahar International Airport apprehended an unidentified security personnel of a Kuwaiti airliner for trying to smuggle hashish, a local daily reported.

The plane was on a scheduled flight from Bombay to Kuwait. The suspicions of Indian security personnel were aroused by the alleged guard of the Kuwaiti plane which led to him being searched. About a kilogramme of hashish was found strapped to his back.

Hostage 'dies'

BEIRUT, June 23, (UPI): A pro-Syrian news magazine said in an uncorroborated report today that one of nine Americans held hostage in Lebanon by pro-Iranian extremists had died in captivity. There was no independent confirmation of the report in the As Shiraa, weekly magazine that first broke the news about the Iran-US arms-for-hostages deal in 1986. As Shiraa has in the past published several reports on the hostages that never materialised.

Student drowned

NICOSIA, June 23, (AP): A Pakistani student who went for a swim after gulping three hamburgers drowned yesterday in the new Nicosia municipal pool, officials said.

They said Ziet Arif Raza, 28, studying at the Intercollegiate School in Nicosia, bellyflopped into the pool and died a surface.

PM scrapped

NICOSIA, June 23, (AP): Proposed reforms of the Iranian constitution were made public today, indicating the prime minister's job will be scrapped and the president handed full executive power.

State-run Tehran Radio said the 25-member committee amending the constitution removed the words "prime minister" from five articles in the 1979 revolutionary charter.

Food poisoning
KARACHI, June 23, (AP): A jet made an emergency landing when 98 of the 139 passengers suffered dizziness and nausea after eating a snack aboard the plane, and seven people remained hospitalised yesterday, officials said.

None of the airline's eight crew members ate the food, said Daren Khan, an Emirates airline spokesman.

Off course
NEW DELHI, June 22, (Reuters): Two American aircraft, forced by Indian warplanes to land in western India near the Pakistan border, deviated from their route and were flying over defence installations, a Defence Ministry official said yesterday.



Friends!

N. Parthasarathy entertains crowd in New Delhi with his friends — scorpions. "To you these are deadly creatures, but they are my friends," he tells his audience (Reuters wirephoto).

Maronites after leadership: Hobeika

BEIRUT, June 23: Deposed leader of the Christian Lebanese Forces, Eli Hobeika accused the Maronite leaders in East Beirut of being concerned only in preserving privileges and preferences enjoyed by Christians in Lebanon and added that they want sectarianism to continue and are working for the creation of several states in Lebanon, resulting in the country's division.

In an exclusive interview with Al Seyassah/Arab Times, Hobeika who is now based with some of his forces in the northern Lebanese city of Zahleh, said that the "political Maronite" leadership is struggling to keep the leadership only in their hands. Hobeika was removed a few years ago from the command of the Lebanese Forces by Samir Geagea who was himself recently removed by the head of the

Lebanese interim government, Gen. Michel Aoun. Hobeika added that this leadership considers the Lebanese people as a number of civilisations and not a united people.

Hobeika said the Arab tripartite committee formed recently by the Arab summit had succeeded in diagnosing the cause of the crisis — which is the sectarianism nature of the regime. The change of this

sectarian rule, has become the core of the solution in Lebanon. He claimed that the number of defenders for the traditional regime who want the status quo to be maintained has sharply decreased.

Hobeika praised the Syrian role in Lebanon adding that Syria is capable of using force to end the crisis, but it always preferred to use negotiations and compromise instead.



A good try

Former 1948 Olympic pole vaulter, Boo Morcom, 68, from New Hampshire, US, won a silver medal with his

long jump of 15 feet, 4 inches at the US National Senior Olympics in St. Louis. (Reuters wirephoto)

KAC may litigate Dutch dispute

KUWAIT, June 23, (AP): The chairman of the Kuwait Airways Corporation said yesterday that the firm may resort to litigation to settle a dispute with a Dutch company, co-owned by Premier Rued Lubbers.

"KAC tried several times to settle the dispute with the Dutch construction firm Hollandia-Kloos in a cordial manner but without avail," Ahmed Mishari told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA).

Describing it as a "small dispute which has been exaggerated beyond its purely commercial dimension," Mishari said: "We hope it will not have any impact on the

traditionally good relations between the two countries." "KAC reaffirms its openness on reaching a just settlement to this dispute. In case the two sides fail to reach such a settlement through direct negotiations, it could be settled through litigations as is provided for in the contract," he said.

Mishari said that at the instructions of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, and in response to appeals by the Dutch premier, KAC had already shown "extreme flexibility including waiving the fines due by the company" for the delay in implementing the contract for building maintenance sheds for the airline.

Kuwait eyes prisoners exchange

Jailhouse swap

By Sayed Othman

KUWAIT is studying the feasibility of entering into bilateral agreements with a number of friendly countries for exchanging prisoners sentenced to jail terms, according to reliable sources.

According to the proposed agreement these will facilitate the transfer of foreigners of these respective countries imprisoned in Kuwait to complete their jail terms in their own countries and vice versa.

The agreements to be implemented will be in keeping with specific regulations and will cover only a certain category of prisoners.

These agreements basically aim at strengthening judicial ties with these countries and at saving financial allocations spent on jails which can be better utilised for rehabilitating and training prisoners.

Informed sources said that if the preliminary studies prove successful, such agreements may first be signed with countries like Egypt, India and Pakistan, whose citizens constitute an important size of Kuwait's expatriate manpower.

Kuwait is tied with a comprehensive legal and judicial co-operation agreement with members of the Arab League and has bilateral agreements with several countries — the latest was signed two months ago with Bulgaria.

'Comin' home'

Nimeiri has plans

CAIRO, June 23, (AP): Former Sudanese president Jaafar Nimeiri said yesterday that he plans to go to London and from there to set up a new base in an unidentified African country neighbouring to Sudan from which he will plot his return to power.

In a telephone interview, Nimeiri said he was leaving Egypt, where he has been living as a political refugee since he was ousted four years ago, to stop the deterioration in relations between Cairo and Khartoum.

"I am going to London. The timing is top secret. Then I will go to an African country neighbouring Sudan. I do not want to go to the capital, I will live in a village on the border with Sudan and start the correct work to return to power," Nimeiri said.

He refused to say which country he planned to travel to. Sudan's neighbours are Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Kenya, Zaire, Central African Republic, Uganda and Chad.

■ KUNA: Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi has reportedly offered amnesty to Nimeiri to return home from his exile in Egypt and live as an ordinary citizen.



Papandreou accompanied by his girlfriend Dimitra Liani arrives at Athens's General Hospital.

Papa back on Mitsotakis failure

ATHENS, June 23, (AP): Greece's political impasse deepened today after Conservative Party leader Constantine Mitsotakis failed to convince an alliance of leftist parties to join him in a coalition government after national elections failed to produce a viable government.

Within an hour of returning the mandate to President Christos Sartzetakis, it was passed on to ailing interim Premier Andreas Papandreou.

Papandreou was admitted to an Athens hospital last night after encountering breathing difficulties. His political opponents doubted the sick premier could play a role in solving the crisis and pressed for a national unity government to confront the situation.

However, some opposition papers doubted he was really sick.

Arrests as China charges Taiwan

BEIJING, June 23, (Agencies): Police raided six Beijing University campuses today, arresting at least 17 teachers and students and searching for an equal number of others in the ongoing nationwide hunt for fugitive democracy movement activists, Chinese sources said.

State-run television and radio said a prominent university lecturer was taken into custody, but did not disclose the date of his arrest.

In a sign that authorities were extending the purge to members of the intelligentsia, Chinese soldiers said arrest warrants had been issued for seven prominent intellectuals, one of whom has escaped with his wife to Hong Kong.

Official media announced other arrests in the crackdown on dissent that has netted more than 2,000 suspects since the uprising by tens of thousands of Beijing citizens against the June 3 armour-backed military offensive that ended a 22-day occupation by students of the city's central Tiananmen Square.

Officials say about 300 people, including 100 soldiers, died in the street battles, but unofficial reports place the death toll in the thousands.

Seven people were executed yesterday in Beijing for participating in the insurrection and three others were put to death Wednesday in Shanghai for torching a train during nationwide protests against the bloodletting in the capital.

An unknown number of anti-government protesters were reportedly among 17 people executed Wednesday for a variety of crimes in the northeastern city of Jinan.

The government, meanwhile, escalated its accusations of foreign involvement in the student-led movement for democratic reforms, charging that the Nationalist Chinese government of Taiwan instigated unrest in hopes of toppling the mainland's communist

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Fresh Marcos suit details \$5bn drain

Planner resigns; Cory stiffens

LOS ANGELES, June 23, (Agencies): A revised \$50-billion lawsuit accusing Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos of looting the Philippines of more than \$5 billion was characterized by their lawyer yesterday as a rebash of old allegations.

The documents, filed in the federal court on Wednesday, contain the most detailed description yet of how the deposed Philippine leader and his wife allegedly conducted a scheme through a network of cronies and dozens of bank accounts.

The Marcoses plundered property and money by "diverting foreign economic assistance to which the Philippine government was entitled, and extorting, soliciting and accepting bribes, kickbacks, illicit gratuities and commissions in exchange for favours," the suit states.

But Marcos attorney John Bartko, in a telephone call from his San Francisco office, described the amended lawsuit as a publicity stunt at a time when Marcos is within days of death in a Honolulu hospital.

Attorney Ron Olson, who heads the legal team for the Philippine government, said yesterday that while Marcos' testimony would be desirable in the case, "If Marcos were to pass away it would not terminate the suit."

The suit, initially filed three years ago, seeks \$50 billion in damages from Marcos, who served as president of the Philippines from November 1965 to Feb 26, 1986, and his wife.

During that time, Marcos claimed average after-tax earnings of about \$30,000 a year. But the amended civil suit, filed in US district court here on Wednesday, alleges the Marcoses "accumulated no less than an estimated \$5 billion in ill-gotten wealth to the detriment and injury of the republic of the Philippines and its people."

Among the programmes tapped by the Marcoses, according to the suit, were the US economic support fund and Japan's reparations agreement and overseas economic co-operation fund.

The suit claims the Marcoses: ■ Received more than \$53 million in kickbacks on contracts with at least seven Japan-based companies.

■ In 1973 diverted to their personal use 800,000 troy ounces of gold from reserves of the Philippine Central Bank.

■ Converted to their personal use more than \$27 million from the Philippine National Bank and bought more than \$2 million pesos worth of duty-free items from tourist Duty-Free Shops, Inc., thus dodging substantial taxes.

Economic Plan Secretary Solita Monsod resigned today, citing "honour but irreconcilable differences" over economic policy, the presidential spokesman announced.

President Corazon Aquino accepted the resignation "with deep regret," said spokesman Adolfo Azucena.

Aquino today ordered punitive measures against erring soldiers, saying "scoundrels" have stained the honour of the armed forces and left the nation powerless in the battle for the hearts and minds of the people.

Speaking at the Navy's 91st anniversary, Aquino said by and large the 160,000-member armed forces has "carried out its mission well" despite the "sorry image" created by soldiers involved in criminal activities.

"What a few have done to the proud institution of the armed forces is beyond sympathy and forgiveness," Aquino said in ceremonies at the seafloor Navy headquarters.

A top government investigator today recommended filing criminal charges against 19 government officials in a scandal that has rocked Aquino's land reform programme.

Libya proposes Lebanon-Syria union

BEIRUT, June 23, (Reuters): Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi said in remarks published today that unity between Lebanon and Syria would be one way to end Lebanon's civil war.

"Under the current circumstances, (military) escalation is inevitable (in Lebanon)," Khaddafi told Beirut's leftist As Saffir newspaper in an interview.

"As long as your (inter-Lebanese) differences

persist and understanding among you is difficult to attain, your choice is clear: unity with Syria or internal accord," Khaddafi said.

Syria has not indicated that it has any desire to unite with Lebanon.

Khaddafi said Syria, the main foreign power broker in Lebanon with some 40,000 troops deployed there, as the last stronghold of pan-Arabism in confronting Israel.

'King Fahd healthy'

Illness claim denied

RABAT, June 23, (Agencies): A Saudi Arabian official denied today an Iranian report that Saudi King Fahd was seriously ill in a Riyadh hospital, saying the Arab monarch is in excellent health and in Morocco.

"His Majesty King Fahd is in excellent health and the report is absolutely false," said an official at the Saudi embassy in Rabat, when asked about the report by Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA).

"There is no truth in it at all," said the official. "His majesty, in fact, is in the Moroccan resort of Fez, where he is following up the work of the tripartite committee on Lebanon."

An extraordinary Arab League summit earlier this year mandated a committee consisting of Fahd, Moroccan King Hassan and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid to try and resolve the Lebanese crisis.



Gorbachev shakes hands with Rafsanjani while saying goodbye in St. George Hall at the Kremlin on Thursday. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Gorbachev is great'

Sermon in Baku

MOSCOW, June 23, (Reuters): Iran's parliamentary speaker, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, praised Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev as one of the world's great leaders in a sermon today at the central mosque in the capital of Soviet Azerbaijan.

As hundreds of Soviet Muslims in Baku's Tazapir mosque listened, Rafsanjani urged more contacts between Muslims in the Soviet Union and Iran, a spokesman for the Islamic Board for Transcaucasia said.

"He said Gorbachev was a great leader, not only of the Soviet Union but of the world," spokesman Akif Agayev told Reuters by telephone from Baku.

"He said there should be more friendship between Iran and the Soviet Union, and better relations with Muslim organisations in the Soviet Union," said Agayev, spokesman for one of the four government-approved Islamic boards in the country.

Rafsanjani spoke for 10 minutes to about 500 people attending the weekly service at the Tazapir, the largest Shiite mosque in the Soviet Union.

■ Rafsanjani returned to Tehran today from a four-day visit to the Soviet Union, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.



Killing claimed

BEIRUT, June 23, (AP): A previously unknown group claimed in a typewritten Arabic statement in Beirut yesterday it killed Samir Jah Al Rasoul, an Egyptian driver for the Saudi Arabian embassy in Brussels.

A police spokesman in Brussels had said an Egyptian chauffeur for the Saudi embassy was shot dead in the neck, they did not exclude a politically motivated murder.



George

US aid worker set free

GAZA CITY, Occupied Gaza Strip, June 23, (AP): An American relief worker kidnapped by suspected Palestinian radicals in the Gaza Strip was freed today, about 30 hours after he was taken hostage, under agreement he relay a plea for Palestinian independence to US President George Bush.

Chris George, co-director of the US-headquartered Save the Children Federation, walked into the Marine House hotel in Gaza City at about 6 pm (1500 GMT) and shook hands with hotel workers and Palestinian journalists.

George said he was well-treated during his captivity.

"They were nice to me," he said. "I practised my Arabic during this period, I ate my food, fish."

He gave no other details. George said he was asked by the kidnappers to carry a letter to Bush.

The six-page communique said the kidnapping was not intended to hurt Americans but was a plea to world opinion, especially that in the United States, to understand the plight of the Palestinians and their need for independence.

The letter spoke of French President Francois Mitterrand's meeting with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and requested that Bush hold a similar meeting with the Palestinian leader.

US embassy spokesman Len Lefko said he was "not aware of any conditions" for the release.

He said George had spoken with US Ambassador William Brown.

"His condition is good ... he told the ambassador he was well and happy and delighted," Lefko said.

DAY BY DAY

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Zahed Matar

Cancer research gets computer aid

LONDON, June 23, (Reuters): British scientists using computers to simulate the spread of breast cancer in a patient say they hope the idea will lead to a radical new treatment for the disease.

Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) scientists Dr Michael Sternberg said yesterday that because of computer graphics he and his colleagues think they now understand the

process of cell multiplication which lies behind more than half the incidences of breast cancer.

They are using their findings to develop a drug which could help to stop or at least slow down the process.

"It is a radically different approach. If it works it will make a major difference," Stern-

berg said.

Studies by the ICRF show that in Western developed countries alone well over half-a-million women develop breast cancer every year.

Of these, two-thirds die as the disease, an uncontrolled multiplication of cells, spreads to other parts of the body.

Their smoke is killing you

Study raises death toll

NEW YORK, June 23, (AP): Alice Trillin was 38 and thought she was in excellent health. Then "this completely crazy thing" happened.

"I coughed and a tiny, tiny blood clot took me to get a chest X-ray. Ten days later I had my lung removed."

Trillin had lung cancer, the kind smokers get. But she had never smoked a cigarette.

The cause of her cancer remained a mystery until a doctor friend asked if her parents had smoked. They had.

"Nobody had ever said anything about passive smoking. I hadn't worried about the question much," she says.

Most scientists hadn't worried about it much either, until studies in recent years showed that passive smoking was causing 3,000 to 5,000 lung cancer deaths a year among American non-smokers. Now a study estimates that the toll from passive smoking, including deaths from heart disease and other cancers, may be 10 times that.

Tobacco smoke in the home and workplace could be killing 46,000 non-smokers each year in the United States, the study concludes. That's 3,000 lung cancer deaths, 11,000 from the other cancers and 32,000 heart disease deaths.

That would make passive smoking the leading preventable cause of death in the United States after alcohol and smoking itself, said Dr Ronald M. Davis, director of the US office on Smoking and Health.

Smoking kills 390,000, alcohol, 120,000.

"No longer are we talking about runny nose or water eyes or headache or nausea, but a fatal disease," Davis said.

Passive smoking has become the principal battleground for the tobacco industry and its opponents in the 1980s. It is no longer merely a health issue, but political and environmental. Cigarette pollution is fouling the air.

"We know that the indoor environment is far more polluted than the outdoor environment," said James Repace of the environmental Protection Agency Indoor Air Programme. "We've seen that again and again wherever we've looked all over the United States."

Many people believe smokers have the right to smoke. But they also believe that others shouldn't have to pay a price.

Risk

"When you talk about an involuntary risk, the society becomes much more cautious," said University of California-San Francisco biomedical engineer Stanton Glantz, an environmentalist and anti-smoking activist.

The new estimate of non-smoker deaths is controversial. Researchers agree it is preliminary and needs to be confirmed.

A tobacco industry consultant said the emphasis on passive smoking was misplaced.

"Environmental tobacco smoke is a smokescreen that is keeping us from looking at the total problem, which is the quality of indoor air," said Dr David Weeks, president of Per-Med Corp., a health consulting firm. "You take the tobacco smoke out of the air and you've still got the problem."

Many public health officials disagree.

The risk of tobacco smoke "is greater than the risk of radon gas is to non-smokers," Repace said. "We're talking maybe 40 per cent greater. And if you're talking about all the carcinogenic air pollutants the EPA regulates, it's 100 times greater."

EPA researchers in North Carolina say in a new internal report that environmental tobacco smoke "is a major source of indoor air pollution and is also the major combustion source contributing to total human exposure to mutagens and carcinogens."

The passive smoking issue poses a serious threat to the tobacco industry. A confidential opinion poll done for the industry in 1978, and leaked to anti-smoking activists, showed passive smoking was "the most dangerous development to the viability of the tobacco industry that has yet occurred."

"What the smoker does to himself may be his business, but what the smoker does to the non-smoker is quite a different matter," the pollsters concluded.

Concern about passive smoking escalated in 1986 with two reports: The US surgeon-general concluded that passive smoking doesn't merely raise the risk of lung cancer — it causes it. And the National Academy of Sciences said exposure to tobacco smoke may raise the risk of lung cancer in non-smokers 34 per cent.

Alice Trillin was lucky — she was cured. But lung cancer remains one of the most difficult cancers to treat. Few others will have her luck.

The link between passive smoking and lung cancer is based on four lines of evidence, said Davis, whose Office on Smoking and Health prepares the Surgeon General's reports on smoking.

First, tobacco smoke contains known cancer-causing agents. Second, non-smokers absorb smoke from the air-by-products can be measured in their blood. Third, there's no safe level of exposure to smoke.

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Table for 12,000

These are some of the more than 12,000 people who sat down to a meal on Wednesday at an outdoor table four km (three miles) long through Renaissance streets of Florence, Italy. City officials said it was the largest dinner party ever served. The stunt was staged to promote the city and raise money for charity. (Reuters wirephoto)

Potted pot saves sight

Lawfully high

HOLLYWOOD, Florida, June 23, (AP): Elvy Musikka begins most days the way she ends them — smoking marijuana legally and hoping others like her can do the same some day.

Either rolled like a cigarette or baked into chocolate brownies, marijuana has been in Musikka's life for more than 12 years as she tried to lessen the effects of glaucoma, which has left her with only 10 per cent of her sight.

Yet she clearly sees herself as a crusader for the thousands of glaucoma victims denied legal use of the drug that reduces the high eye pressure caused by the disease.

"I think people have every right to sue the government for keeping them from what could be their one hope left of keeping their sight," said Musikka, 44, one of three people who are guaranteed a supply of government-grown marijuana for medical reasons.

"I am constantly haunted by the idea there are others who will never see the stars again or look upon their children because they were denied a simple plant," she said.

Musikka's application for legal marijuana was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration in October, two months after a judge was persuaded to clear her of marijuana-growing charges.

Each month, Musikka receives 300 marijuana cigarettes shipped to Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami. If she smokes, it's a joint every three hours.

"But actually I prefer to eat it," Musikka said. "You feel less stoned and it's last longer. I can eat some pot brownies and go about 12 hours. Also, your throat doesn't get so raspy. But that's OK if you want to sing some blues."

Musikka has turned to music because her limited sight keeps her from working. She travels around Florida discussing marijuana treatment for glaucoma and promoting her newly released four-song record partially funded by \$6,000 grant from the state division of Blind Services.

The songs — two in English and two in Spanish — are among lyrics and melodies she began after her glaucoma worsened in 1976.

"I was scared to death of going totally blind," she said.

"The music was a way to keep my mind off my problems." Musikka has a scrapbook with the cover photograph showing her beside a bushy marijuana plant in 1984. The pages are covered with clippings about her legal fight and her clandestine days growing her own marijuana.

New pain reliever

Hypnotic powers

WASHINGTON, June 23, (KUNA): People wracked with chronic pain may get relief from hypnosis and be weaned from medications, a new study has disclosed.

The study, reported in the current issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry, involved 20 patients, some easily hypnotized and highly "suggestible" others not.

Dr David Spiegel of Stanford Medical School, who conducted the experiment, told subjects under hypnosis that an anaesthetic was spreading through their arms and making them feel like the limbs were immersed in a cool mountain stream.

In truth, no anaesthetic had been given. Then mild electric shocks were applied that simulated the sensation of being snapped on the arms of a rubber band. The pain level was calculated at just beneath the volunteers' "pain threshold," the article said.

Subjects' brain waves were analysed during the experiment for indications of pain or discomfort.

Spiegel found the hypnotic instructions about the "cool" sensation significantly reduced patients' feeling of pain.

"Their response was substantially reduced, enough to show hypnosis could markedly reduce the sensation of pain," he said.

He said while the pain was present in many people, "you don't have to pay attention to it. If you focus on some other sensation, it can mute your perception of the pain."

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Daltrey on stage

The Who and their generation back on tour

GLENS FALLS, June 23, New York (AP) Rock 'n' roll relics are dusting off their guitars and banging their drums for a spate of reunion tours this summer, and it all began Wednesday with a performance by The Who.

The Who, which splintered after a "Farwell Tour" in 1982, reassembled at a New York state arena with a series of songs from the nearly two-decade-old rock opera, "Tommy."

The Who is just one group planning a revival in the coming months. The Rolling Stones will be touring this fall and former Beatle Ringo Starr is going on his first solo tour, as will veterans like Billy Preston, Joe Walsh, Clarence Clemons and former band members.

Other bands from the 1970s that had long since broken up, such as the Doobie Brothers and the Allman Brothers, are planning reunion tours.

The Who have scheduled concerts in 36 stadiums across the country this summer in a tour marking the band's 25th anniversary. They'll also do two special charity performances of "Tommy" at indoor venues in New York and Los Angeles.

It all started Wednesday when Pete Townshend, dressed in baggy gray suit with his hair swept back in a ponytail, grimaced as he sang a high note in "1921" one of "Tommy's" opening songs.

A crowd of slightly more than 5,000 roared when singer Roger Daltrey shattered one pair of tambourines and then tossed it aside.

A giant video screen designed for stadiums beamed close-ups of the band.

In a three-hour show, The Who performed their classics "Who Are You," "Substitute," "My Generation," "Won't Get Fooled Again," and "Baba O'Riley."

PEOPLE AND PLACES

MORGANTOWN, West Virginia: Olympic gold medalist Mary Lou Retton says she wants to open a gymnastics school and try to become the inspiration to her students that coach Bela Karolyi was to her.

Karolyi's gym in Houston, Texas, was Retton's springboard to Olympic glory in 1984. She became the first American female to win the all-around gold medal.

"It's all natural for me. I know the sport and enjoy talking about it," she said during a weekend visit to her native West Virginia.

Retton says her more immediate plans include marriage to Shannon Kelley, quarterback for the University of Texas football team. She also is doing promotions and making television appearances. (AP)

CAMDEN, New Jersey: Casinos can be held liable for money lost by drunk gamblers, a federal judge ruled. A casino has a duty to refrain from knowingly permitting an invitee to gamble where that patron is obviously and visibly intoxicated and/or under the influence of a narcotic substance, US District Judge Mitchell Cohen said Wednesday.

The judge said casinos should fall under New Jersey's dram shop laws, which hold taverns responsible for injuries caused by their intoxicated patrons.

Marvin B. Roffman, a gaming analyst in Philadelphia, said the ruling is a blow to the casinos.

"If it holds up, what that means is anybody who was a big loser can say, 'Look, I had too many drinks. I don't owe anything,'" he said. (AP)

NEW YORK: A teen-ager carried out a seven-year vendetta by stabbing to death a man who sexually assaulted him and another boy in 1982, police said.

Joseph Wolske, 17, surrendered to police before dawn Sunday and confessed to the 1988 slaying of 67-year-old Jay Pezold who was found dead in his Brooklyn apartment, police said. Wolske was charged with murder. (AP)

NEW YORK: A psychedelic 1956 Bentley that supposedly was driven around London by John Lennon in the 1960s was pulled from the auction block after no one bid.

Before the auction, Christie's had taken the unusual step of distributing a note that read, "Christie's has only third-party confirmation from people other than the surviving Beatles that John Lennon personally used the car."

The car is owned by Biond Fury, a New York psychic, writer and composer, and Yulia Lipchitz, a photographer. Bidding for the Bentley opened Wednesday at \$300,000 and closed when no one raised a hand, said a Christie's spokeswoman.

Items that did sell included Herman Mankiewicz's copy of his Oscar-winning script for Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane." It brought \$231,000, breaking the previous record for a script — \$143,000 for Welles' radio production "War of the Worlds" last fall.

A copy of "Gone with the Wind" autographed by the entire cast of the movie sold for \$13,200 and a copy of 1930 book "The Wizard of Oz," autographed by everyone of the movie, including Toto, sold for \$20,900. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Thousands of fans, including many who staked out viewing spots 24 hours in advance, screamed wildly for Hollywood stars at the full-moon premiere of "Batman."

Sylvester Stallone, Eddie Murphy, Billy Crystal, Don Johnson, Melanie Griffith and the film's stars — Michael Keaton and Kim Basinger — showed up as "Batman" unfurled his cape Monday night during an old-fashioned premiere.

Actor Burgess Meredith, who played the Penguin on the campy "Batman" television series of the 1960s, also showed up for the two-theatre gala premiere of the Warner Brothers film.

About 100 of the 15,000 fans crowded on the sidewalk and in the street wore green hair and white face makeup in honour of their favourite character — the Joker, the villain played by Jack Nicholson. (AP)

NEW YORK: The false eyelashes, minidresses and stuffed animals of the portly, round-faced transvestite actor who became a movie star named Divine were sold Wednesday at auction for more than \$11,000.

Divine in death, the "Heroine" of John Waters' cult classic film "Hairspray," "Polyester" and "Pink Flamingos," was a star again.

The Christie's east auction drew dozens of diehard fans, including Mitch Whitehead, who has a picture of Divine in drag tattooed on his back.

"All I wanted was his makeup mirror but I could not help myself. I bought his maracas and backstage bathrobe," Whitehead said. The mirror went for \$60. (Reuters)

LONDON: A necklace of emeralds and diamonds worn at a king's coronation by its US-born owner was sold in London on Wednesday for £1.87 million (\$2.86 million), Christie's said.

The firm said the necklace, known as the Harcourt Emeralds, set a world auction record for any piece of emerald jewellery and a record for any jewellery item auctioned in Britain.

The necklace of 13 Colombian emeralds weighing a total of 162.19 carats was bought by international jeweller Lawrence Graff over the telephone at the end of two minutes' bidding. (AP)

CLACKAMAS, Oregon: A driver who caused a three-car collision did not have a licence to show a sheriff's deputy and now he will not be eligible for one until the year 2003.

That is when Justin Arosow turns 16. The 2-year-old boy drove his battery-powered toy car into a suburban road Sunday and triggered a collision by drivers in adult-sized cars who tried to avoid him, said Clackamas county sheriff's deputy Michael F. Helmsstadt.

Two cars and a small pickup truck were damaged but no one was hurt, Helmsstadt said.

Justin's father, Daniel, said Justin drove off in his toy car when he was cleaning the family's garage. The father said he found Justin just after the accident and took the boy and his toy car home.

Helmsstadt wrote in his report that he interviewed everybody involved in the accident except for Justin. "He couldn't talk yet," Helmsstadt noted. (AP)



Beauty is skin deep

Chu Sheng Hwa, partner of a Singapore beauty centre, models an unusual cape made up of pieces of human skin. The patches of dead human skin are taken from the faces of customers who seek exfoliation service from the centre. Exfoliation is the removal of the external layer of skin so as to allow a new layer to regenerate. The cape is made up of 252 pieces of skin. (Reuters wirephoto)

FORT COLLINS, Colorado: The rhinestone brassiere that Mr Blackwell designed for comedian Phyllis Diller has found a spot in a university collection.

"Seeing all these is a big thrill for me," said Richard Blackwell as he viewed 45 of his creations Monday that Colorado State University has on display. "I mean, these are unbelievable."

Blackwell, a former fashion designer, compiles the

"Worst Dressed" list every year.

Besides the Diller bra, the Blackwell collection included gowns, dresses and feather boas. It is said to be the only collection of its kind owned by a university. It was donated last year by a Denver couple.

The clothing is part of CSU's collection of 7,000 garments ranging from a medieval suit of chain mail to the rhinestone brassiere. (AP)

'Rainbow Warriors' unite U2 turns green

DUBLIN, June 23, (Reuters): U2 have gone green.

Ireland's rock superstars, who have sold 50 million albums world-wide with their own unique brand of politically committed rock anthems, have nailed their colours to the Greenpeace mast.

Hailing the environmentalist group for getting the world to sit up and listen to doomsday predictions on the environment, U2 have joined 30 other major pop stars on an album to promote the Green cause.

The group's guitarists, aboard the Greenpeace flagship in Dublin Harbour, to launch the album Ireland, were also jubilant over Green successes in last week's European and Irish elections.

"If you plant a seed, it grows," bass guitarist Adam Clayton said after Ireland had sent its first Green Party candidate to the Dublin Parliament and the Greens had doubled their seats in the European chamber.

Dismissing any suggestions that the greens were a bunch of bearded, sandal-wearing cranks, Clayton laughed. The clean-shaven guitarist, sporting a pair of open-toed sandals, observed: "If the Greens can mobilise the young voters, that is fantastic."

Lead guitarist and composer Dave Evans, known universally as The Edge, was quick to praise Greenpeace for its campaign to close the British nuclear reprocessing plant just across the Irish Sea at Sellafield in north-

west England.

"As the father of two girls I am disgusted it is still going on. I am concerned about Sellafield and that the Irish Sea is the most radioactive in the world," he said at an impromptu press conference on the sun-kissed deck of the Greenpeace mast.

Just one day before, the same ship had piped aboard Roger Garland, a 59-year-old accountant who had become Ireland's first green member of parliament.

Running a cash-starved campaign with just 600 members nation-wide, the Greens made their breakthrough under the election slogan "other parties promise the moon. Only the Greens promise the earth."

Pop idols can wield tremendous power in getting teenagers around the world to adopt the causes they believe in.

Irish pop star Bob Geldof launched the hugely successful "Live Aid" concert for African famine relief. English singer Sting is campaigning to save the Amazonian rain forests.

Both Sting and U2 have donated tracks to the Greenpeace album known as "Rainbow Warriors."

It is named after a native American myth which says that when the planet is sick and the animals are dying, the "Warriors of the rainbow" will emerge to save it.

The Edge went to Moscow in March for the launch of the record there.

Spider caught speeding

Swiss sunshine fine

BIENNE, Switzerland, June 23, (AP) A sun-powered car's speed test went a little too well when the driver was caught going 88 kilometres (55 miles) per hour through a police radar trap and fined Sw. Fr. 20 (\$11.75).

"I believe it's the first solar vehicle ever caught for speeding," Rene Jeanneret of the Biene Engineering School, the car's chief designer said yesterday.

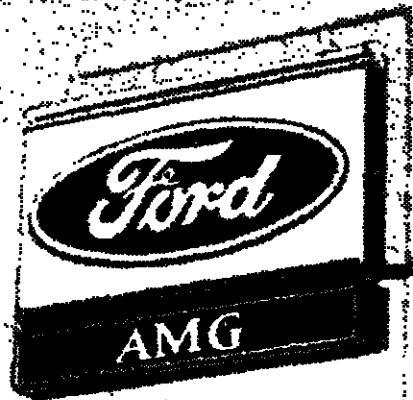
The three-wheeler, called "Spider" and meant for everyday use, was going eight

kilometres (five miles) per hour above speed limit when police stopped it outside this city on Monday, said Jeanneret, confirming reports yesterday in the Swiss press.

The incident occurred during road tests after the vehicle's gearbox was changed to improve its performance on the Alpine stages of an upcoming race for solar-powered vehicles through Switzerland.

Jeanneret said the modification actually makes the car slower.

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A step towards the final frontier

BERKELEY, California, June 23. (UPI) — An eight-year quest has yielded strong hints from space there may be at least nine planets orbiting distant stars in the Milky Way galaxy, a Canadian astronomer reported Wednesday at a major conference.

The findings, if verified, could provide important clues in the search for extraterrestrial life. Bruce Campbell of the University of Victoria said at the 100th anniversary meeting of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

"We do not directly claim to have discovered other planets going around other stars," Campbell, adjunct associate professor of physics and astronomy, said in an interview.

"We prefer to say we have the best evidence to date for objects of planetary mass — within the range of one to 10 times that of Jupiter, the largest of the known nine planets — outside our solar system."

Clues indicating the presence of the suspected planets may be "just the tip of the iceberg," Campbell said, noting these may be the largest planets in nine entire planetary systems.

Half of 18 stars analyzed since 1981 shows signs of planetary companions. "A far higher rate than we had anticipated," he said.

"Confirmation of our initial results could indicate as many as half of the stars in the Milky Way may have planetary companions," Campbell said, "and increase the possibility of earth-like bodies suitable for life are out there."

Campbell hopes to receive funding to expand his search to 5 or 100 stars "to see if planets are as common as the preliminary results indicate."

The astronomers made their discoveries using a technique they developed to measure stellar velocity changes as small as 36 kilometres per hour — 100 times more precise than any previous method.

"The clearest data show a large planet — sized of the order of Jupiter — orbits a star called Gamma Cephei," Campbell said. The other objects are in the range of one to 10 times the mass of Jupiter.

In the decades to come, Campbell hopes to refine his technique to detect objects smaller than Jupiter — a currently impossible feat.

"We might find giants like Jupiter that are inhospitable to life as we know it, but having found the largest planet in a system, there's the inference smaller ones like Earth may be present that could harbour life," Campbell said.

To date, no one has discovered a planet outside the solar system or life beyond earth.

A group of US astronomers reported last August finding a possible large planet orbiting a star 90 light years away, but subsequent data indicate the object is more likely a rare brown dwarf, a star not quite large enough for its fusion fire to ignite, Campbell said.

The 18 stars studied by Campbell's team are bright enough to be seen with the naked eye from earth, similar to the sun in size and temperature.

Bismarck believed scuttled

Explorer presents videotape of sunken ship

WASHINGTON, June 23. (Agencies) — Underwater explorer Robert Ballard, whose deep-sea robot discovered the German battleship Bismarck on the bottom of the Atlantic two weeks ago, said yesterday he believed the World War II vessel had been scuttled by its own crew.

At a news conference to disclose details of the discovery, Ballard said the condition of the ship confirmed for him the theory that the vessel was scuttled rather than sunk by British fire in one of the most famous and important naval engagements of the war.

"Only scuttled ships tend to make it to the bottom in one piece," Ballard said. "It appears the crew opened it up along its entire length. It was clearly flooded, stem to stern."

Ballard said he could only speculate on why the German commander decided to send his vessel to the bottom in May 1941. He said perhaps it carried technologically advanced equipment that the Germans did not want to fall into British hands.

"Maybe the Germans didn't want it taken as a war prize," he said.

In the 1941 battle, the Bismarck's four main guns were quickly knocked out of action and the attacking British ships were out of range of the Bismarck's secondary guns, Ballard said. With the ship helpless and taking hundreds of hits, its sinking was clearly inevitable, he said.

However, he said, the lack of evidence of an implosion in the remains persuaded him that the ship had been blasted open by its own crew rather than sunk by British torpedoes.

He said he would keep secret the exact location of the Bismarck and let the German people decide its future fate.

The sunken battleship was discovered and photographed by the robot called Argo, the same device that was used four years ago to find the wreck of the Titanic, the British passenger liner that sank in 1912 after striking an iceberg.

The Bismarck was found in more than 15,000 feet (4.5 kilometres) of water about 600 miles (965 kilometres) west of Brest, France.

The first videotape of the Bismarck showed the ship well-preserved with most of its guns

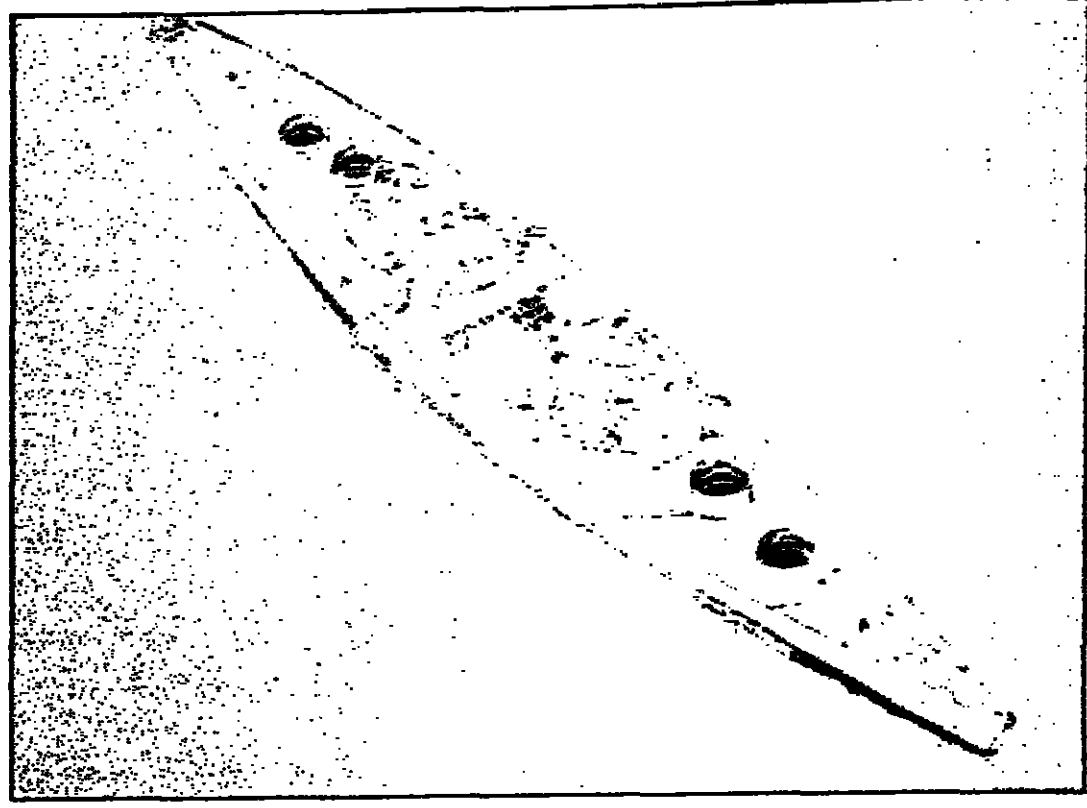
intact. Undersea explorer and scientist Robert Ballard brushed aside any suggestion of a salvage operation and pledged to the German people he would try to keep the exact location of the sunken warship secret — except from West Germany.

"The Bismarck, unlike the Titanic, is still the property of the German people," said Ballard, who also led the expedition that found the sunken British liner Titanic four years ago.

He explained that while sunken commercial ships found in international waters become the property of the discoverer, warships forever remain the property of the nation that sent them to sea.

The video showed the hull of the Bismarck, the wooden deck and the reinforced bridge to be intact. The ship's six-inch and four-inch (150 and 100 mm) guns are still pointed outward.

The only missing armament was the ship's four main guns turrets, housing eight 15-inch (380 mm) guns.



The Bismarck is shown settled into the ocean bottom in this artist's rendering. (Reuter wirephoto)



An artist's rendition of the Lunar Polar probe. (Reuter wirephoto)

Orbiter to probe moon

WASHINGTON, June 23. (UPI) — Plans were unveiled yesterday to send a privately owned orbiter to the moon to search for water, oxygen and other resources critical to the development of space.

The Lunar Polar probe would utilise spare parts from 1960s-era spacecraft.

It would be built by the Space Studies Institute, a non-profit organisation in Princeton, New Jersey, for launch in 1992, which has been designated International Space Year.

The institute also said it is seeking proposals for the design of the robotic spacecraft.

The modest, 300-pound (135 kg) orbiter would cost \$5 million to build and utilize a leftover sensor from the Apollo moon programme to survey the lunar poles — regions never previously explored.

Gregg Maryniak, the institute's executive vice president, called the moon "a warehouse of construction materials" — including water, in the form of ice — silicon, iron, oxygen, carbon and uranium that could be used to build lunar bases and support other space projects.

He also noted that mining resources on the moon could be done more easily, and perhaps more cheaply, because of the lack of gravity on earth's nearest cosmic neighbour.

The institute is working to raise the money for the orbiter from industry and private donations, and said it hopes to "piggyback" a free ride on a US or European Space Agency "Ariane" rocket.

The private probe would be the first US spacecraft to the moon since Apollo 17, the last of the manned lunar missions in December 1972.

Forest fires raging on Sakhalin island

MOSCOW, June 23. (AP) — Two enormous forest fires that have engulfed more than 222,000 acres (90,000 hectares) on Sakhalin island off the eastern Soviet Union are spreading toward each other and endangering villages in what an official called a catastrophe, Tass reported today.

Firefighters including parachutists sent from several Soviet cities with special equipment have been unable to control the fires, which the Communist Party daily Pravda said broke out June 8.

"During 33 years of work on Sakhalin, I have never encountered a catastrophe of such scale," forestry officer N. Kopeikin told Tass.

Tass said the fires had brought Sakhalin "to the brink of an ecological catastrophe."

One fire raging through northern Sakhalin has destroyed 197,600 acres (80,000 hectares) of forest, thickets, cedar trees and a bog, Tass said. Evacuation of one town, Val, is being prepared, and the flames have approached another village, Pitun.

Voyager 2's close encounter with Neptune to unravel mysteries

BERKELEY, California, June 23. (Agencies) — Voyager 2's close encounter with Neptune this summer will provide earthlings with an exciting space adventure and data that could help unravel the mysteries of weather and atmosphere, an expert said yesterday.

"What the spacecraft will do on the last stop of its very long mission will be a brilliant moment in the US space effort and in the whole movement of human

space exploration," astronomer Dale Cruikshank said at the 100th anniversary meeting of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

When Voyager — travelling some 10 times the speed of a rifle bullet — makes its closest approach to the fourth largest planet Aug 24, the space vehicle will get an extraordinary first "look" at the greenish, gaseous giant 4.5 billion miles (7.2 billion km) from earth.

"Initial observations indicate Neptune is a dynamic, exciting place to visit with a flurry of intriguing activities going on that can help us understand our own home as a planet," said Cruikshank.

Answers to such earthly questions as what affects weather patterns, climate and atmospheric conditions may be hidden within the distant ball of rock and melted ice cloaked in hydrogen and helium, he said in an interview.

Other clues may be found by studying the dramatic seasonal fluctuations on Neptune's large, reddish moon Triton, where shallow pools of liquid nitrogen — a gas abundant in earth's atmosphere — are thought to form beneath a thin atmospheric haze, Cruikshank said.

Triton, about the size of earth's moon, has such a highly inclined orbit, each pole faces the sun for 82 years, while the other remains in darkness.

FAA opts for more inspections

No ban on radio cassettes

WASHINGTON, June 23. (AP) — Airline passengers can still carry laptop computers or radio cassette players, but the devices are to be closely inspected for plastic explosives on US flights originating in the Middle East and Europe.

The Federal Aviation Administration, in announcing a new inspection order to all airlines yesterday, said passengers who don't need electronic devices on a trip "should consider leaving them behind."

But the agency and Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner rejected proposals to ban the devices on all US flights.

Noting the inconvenience a ban of electronic devices might cause businessmen and others who use laptop computers or electronic equipment, Skinner announced the new measures in a speech to an air freight group.

His office had billed the announcement as a major step in efforts to ensure aviation security.

But the action by the US agency fell short of calls for at least a temporary ban made by relatives of some of the 270 people killed in the radio cassette bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Scotland last December.

The new screening order is limited to US flights originating in Europe and the Middle East. It will not affect foreign airlines, US domestic flights, flights from the US to Europe or the Middle East, or US flights to and from other countries.

The relatives of those killed on flight 103 had called for the government to require all airlines to refuse to carry any device that might easily conceal plastic explosives, pending installation of sophisticated detection equipment in airports used by US carriers in the United States and abroad.

Ship in for repairs

Liner limps to safety

OSLO, Norway, June 23. (AP) — The Soviet ocean liner Maxim Gorky limped yesterday into Spitzbergen Archipelago for makeshift repairs two days after its bow was ripped open by Arctic ice.

Jan Klyver, an administrative official for the Norwegian Islands, said the ship reached Coles Bay on Svalbard, the largest of the Spitzbergen group, yesterday morning. The scheduled bay has no wharf or facilities but offers shelter from wind and waves, he said.

The 630-foot (192-metre) Maxim Gorky was kept afloat with pumps after drift ice ripped a 20-foot (6-metre) gash in its bow and it took on 18,000 tons of water during a midnight sun cruise in the Norwegian Sea.

All of the 575 passengers and 378 crew were rescued without casualties. The passengers and some crew were brought to shelter at Spitzbergen and flown home from there.

Soviet spokesman Andrei Romanov told the Norwegian news agency NTB that the Maxim Gorky anchored in the bay with 184 crew aboard. Temporary repairs would be made so the ship can sail to Bremerhaven, West Germany, its port of embarkation.

He did not estimate how long repairs would take. Soviet news reports said the ship would be back in service in three weeks.

The Soviet daily newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya yesterday said the ship may have rammed a metal object frozen in the ice or that a large piece of ice unexpectedly surfaced.

Norwegian maritime experts said the Maxim Gorky was sailing too fast for conditions in an area clogged with drifting ice up to 20 feet (six metres) thick.

Sigurn Kleiven, commander of the Norwegian Coast Guard vessel Senja, which rescued passengers, said the Maxim Gorky was moving at 18.4 knots at the time of the accident.



Disly dish

Sky Television journalist Eve Richings sports a satellite television dish hat during the fashionable Ladies Day on Thursday at the Ascot races. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ferry owner charged in '87 tragedy

LONDON, June 23. (AP) — A court issued manslaughter summonses yesterday against a shipping company, three of its former directors and four seamen over the 1987 Zeebrugge ferry disaster in which 193 people died.

The decision to prosecute P and O European ferries was believed by experts to be unprecedented. It capped more than two years of court and police proceedings, a public inquiry that blamed the ship owners, and an inquest that returned a verdict of unlawful killing.

The summonses were on charges for the alleged manslaughter of two passengers and two crew killed when the Herald of Free Enterprise, a car-and-passenger ferry, capsized outside the Belgian port of Zeebrugge in March 1987.

The door is believed to be resting on the ocean floor more than three miles (4.8 kilometres) underwater and about 85 miles (136 kilometres) southwest of Honolulu. United and Boeing, which would share in the cost, said they support the recovery effort.

Home sweet home

CORDOBA, Spain, June 23. (Reuters) — A Spaniard who was born in prison and has spent the last 40 years behind bars has taken to sleeping outside Cordoba Jail pleading to be let back in.

Prison is home. Eduardo Tagas said yesterday after four nights sleep-out protest in front of the southern Spanish jail.

Born 50 years ago in a prison where his mother was an inmate, he has lived in various jails by admitting to crimes he did not commit. Tagas once tried pleading guilty to murder, said Cordoba Prison Governor Francisco Velasco, "hoping perhaps they would jail him for 30 years and make him a happy man."

3 surrender

KHANIA, Greece, June 23. (AP) — Three of eight convicts who escaped from a maximum security prison on Crete killing two guards, surrendered yesterday, while another was injured in a shootout, police said.

Anthony Bartley, 20, of Manchester, England and Ibrahim Cunn, 23, of Tanzania, surrendered to police along with a Greek convict. A fourth Greek escapee was seriously injured in a shoot-out with police, said a security spokesman who requested anonymity in accordance with Greek practice.

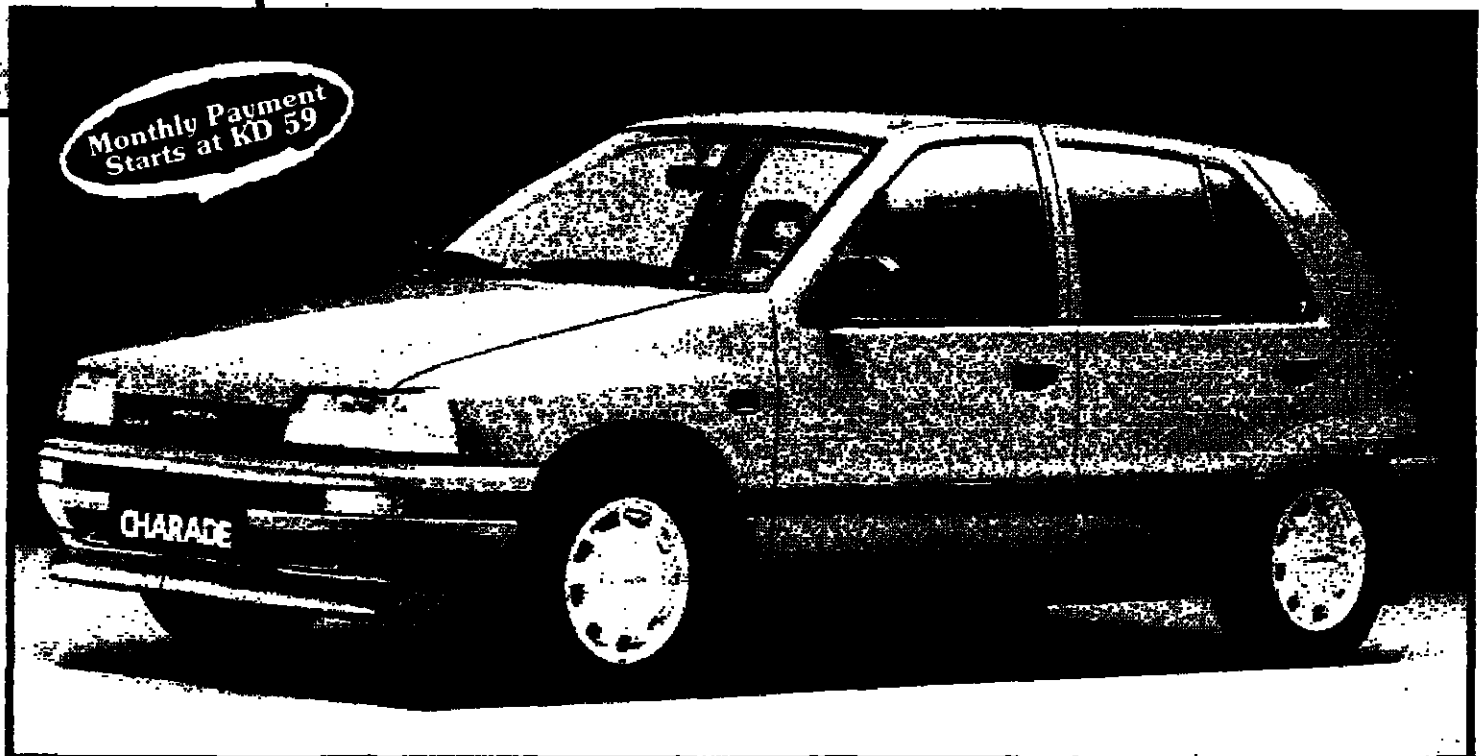
The five other victims were all Taiwanese, police said. Authorities are investigating on the cause of the fire.

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Gunmen shoot American nun

Sister critical

SAN SALVADOR, June 23, (UPI): A 72-year-old American nun who worked with orphans was in critical condition yesterday following an attack by unidentified gunmen on a car in which she and two other nuns were riding, church and health officials said.

The other two nuns riding with Sister Mary Stanislaus Mackey escaped injury in the Wednesday night shooting near the capital minutes after the trio had left a bank.

It was the first attack on American nuns since Dec. 2, 1980, when Salvadoran guardsmen assassinated three American nuns and a lay worker.

Doctors treating Mackey, an American citizen of Irish descent, said she lost an eye and her face was disfigured by the bullet fired by a .38-calibre pistol. She is a member of the Sisters of Charity Order from Houston, Texas.

American Sister Ana Maria Brangan, who was driving the car which carried the three nuns, said that around 5:30 pm Wednesday, four unidentified gunmen in a yellow pickup truck fired one shot at their car as the nuns approached the Zaragoza intersection about six miles (10 km) south of San Salvador.

Brangan said the motive for the shooting was unclear, although the three nuns had just come out of a bank shortly before the shooting. Salvadoran Sister Margarita Flores also escaped unharmed.

"A car came from behind us and stayed very close on one side and shot through the back window. It hit Sister (Mackey) on the right-hand side of the front seat. There was no warning. Nothing," Brangan said.

Brangan said at first, she did not realize a shot had been fired until she saw Mackey's head



Sister Mackey with a child.

wound.

"There was a lot of blood. She was conscious the whole time," Brangan said.

The Rev Kenneth Meyers, a Catholic priest from a local community where the nuns work, said Mackey has worked with orphans since arriving in El Salvador in 1983.

"Sister Mackey is in critical condition, but it is possible that she will survive," said Meyers, who heads the Oscar Arnulfo Romero Community, known by its Spanish acronym as COAR.

The US embassy condemned the attack, but said it had no information on the attackers.

A spokesman for the Salvadoran armed forces said authorities were looking for the gunmen, but had no clues to their identities or motive.

The COAR helps about 250 children orphaned by the country's nine-year-old civil war, which has claimed about 70,000 lives, most of them civilians, many of them slain by right-wing death squads.

India told to confine its troops

COLOMBO, June 23, (Reuters): President Ranasinghe Premadasa today told India to confine its 45,000 troops in Sri Lanka to barracks if they could not be withdrawn before the end of July.

"If India says that the troops cannot be taken back by the end of July because there are no ships to transport them, then the soldiers would be confined to barracks from that date," Premadasa said at a rally in the central hills district of the Indian Ocean island.

"The Indian troops should not engage in military operations in the north and east after

July," he said in a hard hitting speech.

Premadasa, who marked his 65th birthday today, had asked Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi earlier this month to pull out the troops by the end of next month.

Rajiv said a full withdrawal had to be worked out between the two countries and not unilaterally.

"Please withdraw your troops and allow us to resolve our own problems by discussions with our people," Premadasa said amid applause from thousands of people who had gathered at Mahiyangana to celebrate the

11th anniversary of a countrywide low-cost housing programme.

Indian high commission officials were not immediately available for comment.

Premadasa said there was no use quibbling about the provisions of the agreement signed in 1987 by the two nations under which Indian troops were sent to the north and east of Sri Lanka to help implement the pact.

New Delhi had said the troops could not be pulled back until the peace accord had been fully implemented.

Arrests as China charges Taiwan

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leadership.

The allegations were the latest blasts in an official propaganda blitz aimed at persuading China's 1.2 billion people that the democracy movement was a "counter-revolutionary rebellion" by "thugs" and "criminals" that justified the ruthless

Army assault on Tiananmen Square and the harsh crackdown on participants in the largest anti-government demonstration to sweep the nation in 40 years of communist rule.

Taiwan today accused China on framing its dissidents by alleging that 13 people it arrested were Nationalist Chinese spies.

"The Chinese communists use all kinds of excuses to incriminate dissidents," the Taiwanese Defence Ministry said in a statement.

Sources said some of the police involved in the raids were armed and carried arrest warrants for a total of 17 other people at the Political Science and Law College and the Beijing College of Aeronautics. The suspects, however, were not at the institutions when officers arrived, the sources said.

The local Beijing Television and National Radio evening news broadcasts announced the arrest of Liu Xiaobo, a lecturer in the Chinese language department of Beijing Normal University.

The radio said Liu met in the United States last October with a leader of a Chinese group opposed to the communist government and after his return in April "got involved with the incitement of turmoil and rebellion."

Other Chinese sources said "internal arrest warrants" had been issued by the government for seven intellectuals, including Yan Jiaqi, 47, who they reported has escaped to Hong Kong with his wife.

There were strong signs late today that China's communist leadership was poised to announce the dumping of reformist party chief Zhao Ziyang and installation of a hardline successor.

Unconfirmed reports in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Tokyo said a meeting of the party central committee was already under way. One Japanese correspondent said he had heard the party's policy-making politburo had already held an extended meeting, and that the full 175-member central committee was now in session.

In another indication that hardliners had cemented their control of the party apparatus, news broke that the two top officials at the People's Daily had been sacked.

Japan, facing charges at home that it has not responded strongly enough to China's harsh crackdown on its own citizens, has suspended high-level contacts and economic co-operation, the government said today.

■ The Middle East is now believed to be China's third largest trading area and Chinese government officials and businessmen continue to roam the Middle East in search of lucrative markets for their industrial products and technical services, according to a report in Washington.

■ A firebomb was thrown through the gates of the Chinese embassy in Oslo, Norway and destroyed a car but caused no injuries, police said today.

■ The United Nations should set up a special office for Chinese refugees and the Philippines may ask foreign governments to help handle an expected influx of Chinese fleeing their homeland, the Philippines' immigration chief said.



Well-shod violence

DHAKA, June 23, (Reuters): Muslim fundamentalists fought in the streets and arcades of Dhaka today, pelting stones at shoe shops selling rubber slippers bearing a motif resembling the Arabic words for Allah, police said.

At least 50 people were injured and dozens arrested in the protest, called by student and youth groups after newspapers printed pictures of the slipper made by the Bata Shoe Company.

The government had already ordered the confiscation of all the offending slippers. Bata said the motif was of "hanging bells" and not intended to hurt religious feelings.

However, the explanation was not enough to pacify people angered by the footwear.

Thousands of people emerging from mosques after Friday prayers threw stones at Bata shops. Hundreds of police guarding Bata stores used truncheons to break up fighting between the fundamentalists and supporters of Awami League, Bangladesh's largest political party.

Police said the fight (above) started when protesters attacked the Awami League office near Dhaka's largest Baitul Mokarram mosque. (Reuters wirephoto)

India offers new talks to Nepal

KATHMANDU, June 23, (UPI): The Indian government has approached Nepal with a new offer of bilateral talks to break the impasse in trade and transit negotiations, a Nepalese official said yesterday.

"India has broken its systematic silence" and is willing to respond to Nepalese proposals for talks aimed at resolving the three-month stalemate on the trade and transit agreement, a Nepalese Foreign Ministry official said.

"India has suggested the agenda for the talks. We are studying the proposal and will respond immediately, the official said, but gave no further details.

In a letter to Nepalese Foreign Minister Shailendra Kumar Upadhyaya, Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao expressed New Delhi's readiness to discuss a full range of bilateral issues, Indian officials in New Delhi said.

An Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman described the letter as "extremely friendly, warmly worded and comprehensive" and said it sought discussions on all matters of concern to the two neighbours, including the safety of Indian citizens in Nepal.

The letter, dispatched today, also sought clarification from Kathmandu on what Rao termed "mixed messages causing confusion."

60 killed as Peruvian Air Force plane crashes into mountain

LIMA, June 23, (Reuters): A Peruvian Air Force transport plane slammed into a mountain in the Andean highlands on Wednesday, killing all 60 people on board, the Air Force said yesterday.

The twin-engine buffalo plane, ferrying civilian passengers out of a remote jungle region, struck the mountain near

the town of Tarma and split in two on impact, Air Force spokesmen said.

An Air Force statement said the Canadian-built plane was on a flight from the Amazon lowlands town of Pucallpa to Lima.

Local radio reports said the plane was heavily overloaded

with tropical timber and passengers when it took off from a stopover in the town of San Ramon in the Andean foothills and crashed shortly after.

Among the victims were several children and an Air Force chaplain identified as Genaro Biani, Radio Programas in Lima said. There were no foreigners reported among the dead.

Unveiled threat

SRINAGAR, India, June 23, (Reuters): Security chiefs in Kashmir assigned extra protection yesterday for Muslim women, ordered by rebels to wear traditional Islamic veils.

Security sources said extra police would guard girls schools and colleges and other places where females might be vulnerable.

The measures were taken after pamphlets circulated by a rebel group in India's only majority-Muslim state told women they had until June 25 to conform to the orthodox Islamic dress code.

Troops sent in

KIETA, Papua New Guinea, June 23, (AP): Papua New Guinea today said it was sending about 2,000 security forces to crush separatist unrest on the northern island of Bougainville and declared a state of emergency effective Monday.

Seven months of unrest in the region have resulted in the closure of the world's largest open-cut copper mine. Rebel landowners in the region are opposed to the giant Bougainville Copper Ltd (BCL) mine.

American shot

BANGKOK, June 23, (AP): An American who has spent over a decade working with refugees in Cambodia was shot by a gunman from a Khmer Rouge-controlled refugee camp along the Thai-Cambodian frontier today, a Thai official and Western sources said.

Paynai Sirirat, a senior Thai border official contacted by telephone, said Peter L. Pond was shot in the leg by a Cambodian from the Site 8 camp.

Dutch colonel killed

ARNHEM, June 23, (UPI): A Dutch Army colonel was killed in a shootout between police and a West German prison escapee who had taken him hostage yesterday, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said Colonel Karel H.J. Van de Kieft, 56, was taken from his home at 6:55 am (04:55 GMT) and forced into the car of Stefan Brogren, 33, wanted in West Germany for assault, robbery, and possession of narcotics.

Brogren, armed with a pistol, called the police from a highway filling station just outside Arnhem, 55 miles (90 km) east of Amsterdam, demanding \$500,000 and 100 grams of heroin for Van de Kieft's release.

Germany-US espionage

FULDA, West Germany, June 23, (AP): A US soldier who has pleaded guilty to espionage handed communist East Germany crucial information on the American army's electronic defence capabilities, the defendant's commander testified today.

US Army Col John N. Abrams also said the defendant, Spec. 4 Michael A. Peri, had been a highly trusted and valuable part of his army unit's intelligence-gathering operations.

Peri, 22, pleaded guilty to charges he gave defence secrets to East Germany when his court martial opened on Wednesday.

6 men hanged

LUSAKA, Zambia, June 23, (AP): Six convicted criminals were executed by hanging today, prison officials said.

A prison spokesman, who by custom was not identified, said the crimes included murder, attempted murder, attempted robbery, attempted murder and "aggravated robbery" between 1982 and 1986.

Jet crashes

TOKYO, June 23, (AP): A US Navy fighter jet crashed and sank in the ocean off the Philippines during routine flight exercises yesterday, a US military spokesman in Japan reported today.

The A-18 fighter jet crashed shortly after it took off from the aircraft carrier USS Midway, which has its home port at Yokosuka, Japan.

Ship collision

VIGO, Spain, June 23, (AP): Rescue teams recovered the body of a British sailor and searched for five missing crew members of a Cypriot-registered cargo ship that sank today with a total of eight crew on board after it collided with a second vessel off the northwestern Spanish coast, officials said.

Soviet stowaway

LONDON, June 23, (Reuters): A young Russian who stowed away in the undercarriage of an aircraft which landed at Britain's Gatwick airport suffocated at high altitude, a post-mortem revealed today.

Police identified the body found on Wednesday night aboard an all Nippon Airways Boeing 747 flight from Tokyo as that of 21-year-old Igor Vasilevich Litvinenko, an apprentice carpenter.

Cause of crash

EAST BERLIN, June 23, (Reuters): An East German airliner which aborted take-off and crashed in flames last Saturday failed to get airborne because the tail elevator jammed, crash investigators said today.

Burma ready to take military action

Opposition-party threatened

RANGOON, June 23, (UPI): The military government is ready to take action against the leading opposition party if its "confrontational policy" continues, a military spokesman warned yesterday.

"If the National League for Democracy persists in its confrontational policy, in its efforts to split the armed forces and incite disaffection and turmoil, we shall have to continue taking necessary prevention action," Lieut Col Than Tun said at a Defence Ministry briefing.

The warning heightened tension between the government and the League, which has won wide popularity with its demands for fair election and an end to restrictions on civil rights.

At least one person was killed by troops during a demonstration protesting detention of the League's leader, authorities said.

The military seized power last September to crush pro-democracy demonstrations but has promised to hold elections early next year.

Than Tun justified the brief

detention of League leader Aung San Suu Kyi on Wednesday by saying she made an inflammatory speech on the one-year anniversary of a battle between police and demonstrators that left at least nine people dead.

The military spokesman quoted Aung San Suu Kyi as saying, "What the people want is democracy, but what they are getting is bullets."

He said the party leader, 44-year-old daughter of Burma's assassinated independence hero, was warned against inciting trouble and then released.

Before her release, however, a crowd of about 100 people, upset at her arrest, "came rushing toward security troops as if they were about to attack, so troops had to fire three shots," Than Tun said.

He said one person was killed and one was injured.

Two thousand young people rallied in central Rangoon today after an unprecedented denunciation of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi by the military government.

US Democrats urge

Reject Seoul pact

WASHINGTON, June 23, (AP): Democratic lawmakers yesterday urged Defence Secretary Dick Cheney to reject any agreement with South Korea that would require the United States to maintain troops in that nation at current levels.

"Some of us on the committee think that no such assurance should be given," Sen Bennett Johnston, Democrat of Louisiana, told Cheney, who testified before the Senate appropriations defence subcommittee.

"On the contrary, negotiations ought to begin for a phased withdrawal from South Korea," Johnston said.

Members of the panel cited a recent letter that South Korean Defence Minister Lee Sang-Hoon sent to Cheney asking the United States to promise not to withdraw the more than 43,000 US troops stationed there.

The minister told South Korea's National Assembly defence committee that he would ask the United States to sign a joint communique with that commitment when he travels here next month.

■ Riot troopers stormed a university campus before dawn yesterday and arrested 44 radical students who have led violent anti-government protests, press reports said.

About 800 riot police raided Yonnam University in the southern city of Taegu, arrested the students and seized hundreds of firebombs and steel bars, Yonhap, the South Korean news agency said.

Women protesting Uno-geisha affair scuffle

TOKYO, June 23, (AP): A scuffle broke out today between conservative party supporters and women urging Prime Minister Sosuke Uno to resign for allegedly having kept a mistress as Uno was giving a campaign speech, it was reported today.

Several members of a Liberal Democratic Party chapter in western Tokyo shouted insults and pulled down placards that said "a prime minister who buys sex is a national disgrace" and "we don't need a prostitution premier," the Kyodo news service reported.

Kyodo quoted one of the women as saying a man from the LDP showed a Japanese flag at her after several placards were forcibly pulled down. No one was injured,

and police reported no arrests.

Women's groups across the nation have called on Uno to either confirm or deny a published report charging that he paid a geisha to be his mistress for several months in 1985.

Uno, who is married, has refused to comment.

He was speaking at the rally this afternoon to support a conservative candidate for upcoming Tokyo assembly elections.

■ The wife of Uno apologised for the clamour caused by reports her husband had an affair with a geisha, but said in an interview published yesterday that she believed he was faithful.

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Mass exodus taking its toll on both Bulgaria and ethnic Turks

SOFIA, June 23, (Agencies): Bulgaria conceded that clashes between police and ethnic Turks last month were more serious than the government originally reported and said a mass exodus of Turks as taking a significant economic toll.

At a news conference yesterday, Deputy Foreign Minister Ivan Ganev said seven people were killed and 28 wounded during disturbances on May 20-27 in predominantly Turkish areas of Bulgaria, where five centuries of

Ottoman Turkish domination ended in 1878.

Forty-nine people were detained for violating public order and 33 preliminary investigations are under way, he said.

The government said previously only three people were killed. Officials in Turkey say at least 50 people died and 200 were wounded in eastern Bulgaria when street protests led to clashes with security forces.

Interior Ministry spokesman Georg

Yormankov said about 250,000 ethnic Turks have applied for exit visas and more than 50,000 have crossed the border into Turkey since Bulgaria passed legislation a month ago allowing its citizens to travel freely.

An official in Haskovo, a town in a Turkish area of southeastern Bulgaria, said on Wednesday that his office has issued up to 2,000 passports a day since June 4.

Diplomats in Sofia, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that in late

May and early June up to 5,000 Turks, many of whom openly protesting ethnic and religious discrimination, were expelled, with some of them only given 24 or 48 hours to leave.

But the deportations have stopped and the vast majority of the Turks, many of them farmers and construction workers, were observed this week leaving Bulgaria with every piece of property they could take.

"This emigration is actually approaching Biblical proportions," said a

Western diplomat, speaking on condition he not be further identified.

But after the relief of arrival in Turkey stiff economic realities are making themselves felt.

More than half the new immigrants are being put up in school dormitories or buildings empty for the summer holidays. There is no answer yet to the question of where many will go for the winter.

Turkey said today it had no intention

of sending to North Cyprus thousands of ethnic Turkish refugees from Bulgaria.

"We have made it very clear we have no intention of sending any of these people to Cyprus," Foreign Ministry spokesman Inal Batu said.

Turkey today denied Bulgarian accusations that Ozal issued military threats against the Warsaw Pact country after thousands of ethnic Turks left Bulgaria to escape government oppression.



Annette du Plessis relaxes in her township home with her hostess, Dolly Buti.

Thatcher senses change in S. Africa

LONDON, June 23, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said today she was encouraged by her meeting with South Africa's next president, F.W. de Klerk, and believes there is a "new mood" in the racially divided country.

A statement from Downing Street also said Thatcher had pleaded with the leader of South Africa's ruling National Party to release black leader Nelson Mandela.

But the announcement also reiterated that she will not talk to South African groups which practice violence, indicating she will continue to refuse meetings with representatives of Mandela's African National Congress. The ANC seeks to overthrow the nation's minority white government and replace it with a one-person, one-vote state.

"It was evident that there is a new mood in South Africa and a greater determination to resolve the great issues of the day through negotiation," Thatcher's statement said. "Our hope ... is that these new opportunities will be grasped and there will be an end to violence."

At a news conference at the South African embassy, De Klerk made no reference to Mandela. He said he and Thatcher agreed "about the need for continued discussion and interaction between the two governments."

A demonstrator splattered white paint on De Klerk's blue Jaguar and tried to rush toward it as De Klerk arrived at Thatcher's official residence.

Police reported seven arrests, including one demonstrator at Downing Street and the others outside De Klerk's hotel or at the heavily guarded South African embassy.

The statement from Downing Street also praised South Africa for "adhering strictly" to a UN-supervised agreement for independence in South Africa-controlled Namibia.

De Klerk summoned a news conference at the embassy, arrived 30 minutes late and read a brief statement. He refused to answer questions, saying he had to get to an appointment with Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

De Klerk said he outlined the South African government's position on "constitutional development" and "the negotiation process."

At Downing Street police overpowered three protesters who broke from a group of 15 holding banners near the security barrier at the street entrance, about 40 yards (metres) from Thatcher's front door.

Anti-apartheid movement chairman Robert Hughes handed in a protest letter saying Thatcher had no mandate to engage "in a process of dialogue with the apartheid regime."

Ebony & Ivory

Crossing a colour line

NEW BRIGHTON, South Africa, June 23, (Reuters): The Buti family is much the same as any other in the run-down black South African township of New Brighton — except one member of the household is white.

Annette du Plessis, born into the country's ruling Afrikaner elite, has spurned a background she sees as comfortable but empty to share a tiny three-roomed house with her adopted family of six.

"I'm here because I'm proving something, that we must come together and build one nation," the 34-year-old artist said as she sat in a room crammed with furniture, children and a constant stream of visiting neighbours.

The family, headed by youthful matriarch Dolly Buti, has welcomed her to their bosom and given her an African name: Vuyiswa, which means "happiness" in the local Xhosa language.

"She hasn't come here like a white lady, she's come here as my sister," Dolly declared. "We hide nothing from one another."

Pretoria's apartheid race policies mean different races must live in separate areas.

Only a handful of whites live outside their own designated suburbs — mostly clergymen or people married across the colour line. Blacks normally live among whites only as domestic workers, or in the few unofficial racially-mixed "grey areas" to which Pretoria turns a blind eye.

Du Plessis said she was challenging this segregation, and the ignorance it fosters on all sides.

"I'm trying to set an example to people, even if it's a slow process," she said. "It's not good enough just to mix together socially. We need to come together more permanently."

Her new family and neighbours say they are eager to see more whites in New Brighton, just outside the coastal city of Port Elizabeth. Du Plessis is adamant she is there to stay, and is plainly overwhelmed by the welcome they have given her.

She first stayed in the township last March on a weekend exchange visit organised by local church groups.

"After that, I felt a very strong urge to stay and identify with the lives of the people here," she said. Within two weeks she had moved into the Buti household.

Du Plessis said she came from a wealthy Afrikaner family, whose concerns included class and material success.

"I became aware early that there was something missing with people there — they weren't really happy," she said. "When you come here you start discovering what real life is."

"People here talk to one another, know one another. They look beyond their poverty. It's a complete sharing society."

Angola civil war ends after 14 years

GBADOLITE, Zaire, June 23, (AP): Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and rebel leader Jonas Savimbi have agreed to end their 14-year-old civil war on Saturday in a plan that reportedly includes self-exile for the guerrilla chief.

The ceasefire, effective at midnight (2200 GMT) Saturday local time in the entire Angolan territory, left the details of the peace agreement to be worked out in subsequent negotiations between the two parties.

The two leaders, longtime enemies from their bush war, sealed the agreement by shaking hands in front of the leaders of 20 African countries gathered here for a summit to try to resolve the Angolan conflict.

"I was not born to make war at all costs," Savimbi, head of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), said after the agreement was announced. "Even if I have made war until

now for precise reasons, and even if these reasons cease to exist I will always remain in my skin, a citizen of Angola."

President Moussa Traore, President of Mali and chairman of the Organization of African Unity, announced the ceasefire at the news conference in Gbadolite, some 650 kilometres (400 miles) northeast of the Zaire capital, Kinshasa.

The meeting was the first between Dos Santos and Savimbi since civil war broke out in 1975 shortly after the former Portuguese colony gained its independence. UNITA has fought to share power with Dos Santos' Marxist-oriented popular liberation movement of Angola.

Sources close to the negotiations said the agreement was largely the work of Zaire President Mobutu Sese Soko, who has been actively involved in the latest efforts to end the Angolan war since May 16.

Heads roll in Russia

MOSCOW, June 23, (Agencies): The president of the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, who publicly blamed Armenians for bloodshed in an ethnic dispute last year, was replaced yesterday by the official Tass news agency reported.

Tass said Suleiman Tatliyev, 64, had asked to be relieved of his duties at a session of the Transcaucasian republic's Supreme Soviet, or parliament.

The agency also reported that Nursultan Nazarbayev had replaced Gennady Kolbin as Communist Party leader in the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan.

Nazarbayev, formerly prime minister, took over as first secretary from Kolbin, appointed this month to head the new Soviet inner parliament's People's Control Commission, a watchdog body.

Tatliyev's replacement as president in Armenia was identified by Tass as Elmira Kafarova, previously the republic's deputy prime minister.

Tatliyev, during a session of the old national parliament last November, accused Armenians of stirring up unrest over the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, populated mainly by Armenians but assigned to neighbouring Azerbaijan since 1921.

A total of 91 people died in more than a year of clashes, which erupted after the territory's local authorities demanded to be put under Armenian administration.

Kazakhstan's government today pledged to solve the social and economic problems fuelling rioting in a desert town, but more disturbances were reported.

Tass said Kazakhstan's council of ministers set up a commission to outline improvements for Novy Uzen, a town of 56,000 people where arson and other attacks began last weekend.

At the same time, the Communist Party daily Pravda reported that six people tried to seize a gas compressor station, and many workers are staying away from their jobs as the fear of further rioting grips the town.

The Pravda said only a quarter of the factory and office employees showed up for work yesterday in Novy Uzen, where four people were killed in rioting.

Only a bakery and food shops worked normally, Pravda said.

The rioters demand that all members of Caucasian ethnic groups be evicted from Novy Uzen. More than one-third of the population is from the Caucasus.

Native Kazakhs complain the oil industry jobs on which the town depends and receive preferential treatment in housing and other benefits.

The rioters also complain the settlers have set up private businesses, co-operatives, that sell supplies in the isolated town for exorbitant prices.

In reporting the planned improvements, Tass said co-operatives found guilty of abuses would be closed. It did not detail what other measures would be taken, but quoted Deputy Premier Otkryatye Zhelidkov as saying that rapid development of the oil and gas industry had led to shortages of housing and food in Novy Uzen.

The socio-economic package under consideration recalled similar pledges authorities made to quell earlier rioting in another region of Central Asia, the Fergana valley of Uzbekistan. An Uzbek government commission on Monday outlined plans to create 200,000 jobs, clean up polluting factories and grow more food in the valley, where rioting in late May and early June against a minority group called the Meskhatian Turks killed 100 people.

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SIDON, Lebanon, June 23, (AP): PLO officials say Yasser Arafat plans to transform his commando forces into a regular Army, but the time is not yet ripe.

"It's too early to talk about reorganising our militia force into a regular Army," said Zeid Wehbi, the senior Palestine Liberation Organisation official in Lebanon.

"Israel continues to reject our peace initiative," Wehbi said in an interview in the Ein El Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp near Sidon, 25 miles (40 kms) south of Beirut.

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Palestinian killed in raid by settlers

US discourages Soviets

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 23, (Agencies): Jewish settlers armed with sub-machine-guns raided an occupied West Bank village today, killing a Palestinian with a shot in the head and wounding another, Arab villagers said.

An Army spokeswoman confirmed that a Palestinian was killed in the village of Qarawar Bani Zeit, but said the circumstances of the death were under investigation.

Nine West Bank settlers were detained in the village for questioning about the incident, she said.

A second Palestinian was reportedly shot dead in clashes with troops after Friday noon prayers in the West Bank town of Hebron. The Army spokeswoman said she was checking the report.

The deaths brought to 530 the number of Palestinians killed in the 18-and-a-half-month Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The raid on Qarawar Bani Zeit was the latest in a series of settler attacks on Arabs in recent weeks. The reprisals intensified after last week's slaying of Frederick Steven Rosenfeld, a US-born settler who was stabbed to death. Three Palestinians were arrested in the slaying.

Fathi Refai, a Qarawar Bani Zeit resident, said in a telephone interview that about a dozen settlers armed with automatic weapons entered the village on foot at about 9:30 am today.

A clash ensued with dozens of stone-throwing youths, and the settlers killed 20-year-old Aziz Khamis Yousef Arar with a shot in the head, Refai said. Rami Adnan Yousef Arar, a 14-year-old relative of the slain man, was wounded in the leg, Refai said.

The elder Arar was buried immediately, Refai said. The Army spokeswoman said troops arrived in the village after the funeral.

In Hebron, 19-year-old Ayman Taher Muhtaseb was shot in the neck by troops during stone-throwing clashes after Friday prayers, Arab reports said.

Muhtaseb arrived dead in a Hebron clinic of the Red Crescent.

Also today, a Palestinian was sentenced by a Jerusalem court to life in prison for stabbing to death two elderly Israelis and wounding three others last month, Israeli media reported.

The defendant, 28-year-old Nidal Zalum from the West Bank town of Ramallah, allegedly belonged to Islamic Jihad, a Muslim fundamentalist group opposed to Israel's existence.

The stabbing attacks were the most bloody Palestinian assault in Jerusalem's western Jewish sector since the start of the uprising.

Police say a prominent Israeli historian, Menahem Stern, stabbed to death in Jerusalem was probably killed by Arab nationalists in the latest case of growing violence between Arab and Jewish civilians.

Stern, 64, was stabbed four times in the chest on the path he walked every morning from his home to the Hebrew University campus in Jewish west Jerusalem.

Over 80 MPs from Britain's main opposition Labour Party have signed a motion calling on the British government to introduce limited sanctions against Israel, "to prevent an escalation of brutality in the occupied territories, and encourage the Israeli government to enter into meaningful negotiations," it was reported today.

PLO and Israeli representatives attended a meeting of the political committee of the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe yesterday designed to create "a climate of confidence" conducive to holding an international conference on Middle East peace.

But the representative of the Israeli Likud Party, Uzi Landau, a deputy in the Knesset (parliament) of the Jewish state, stormed out of the session when the head of the Palestinian delegation, Khalid 'At' Hassian, began speaking to the European parliamentarians.

US Secretary of State James Baker admitted frankly yesterday that the US has "discouraged" both the Soviet Union and the European Economic Community from pushing ahead with the idea of an international conference on the Middle East at present, and expressed his belief that the US has been successful in this effort so far.

A joint force of Israeli troops and allied militiamen punched out from Israel's self-designated security zone today in a three-pronged attack against pro-Iranian guerrillas in southeast Lebanon, police said.

Israeli Army officials denied their troops were involved and said their militia allies, the South Lebanon Army, carried out the "initiative actions."

The report said the force would be the "core of a regular Army of an independent Palestine of the future," and would enhance his claim to be the unchallenged leader of the five million Palestinians.

The PLO has an estimated 12,000 hardcore fighters and thousands of part-time militiamen scattered around the Arab world. Some 5,000 of them are based in South Lebanon.

about many issues, including the job of president," Wales said.

It is expected the senators and deputies will decide whether Solidarity-led political opposition will propose its candidate for the job of president.

Communist Party will hold its meeting June 27 to make a similar decision.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Violence opposed

CAIRO, June 23, (Reuters): Some leaders of Egypt's underground Islamic movement pledged in rare talks with a government minister to oppose violence, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) said yesterday.

MENA quoted Religious Affairs Minister Mohammed Mahjoub as saying he had over the past few days met some religious leaders, who are campaigning for Islamic sharia law in Egypt.

Deterrent needed

AMMAN, June 23, (Reuters): A Jordanian newspaper said yesterday the Arab world should have a nuclear deterrent to prevent Israel from attacking Arab countries at will.

"It is high time we got together and moved to plug the loopholes in our defences to the extent that nuclear deterrents are in place in Arab states," the English-language Jordan Times said.

The daily said Jordan had advocated moderation in the belief that military might could not solve political problems and that military spending was always at the expense of development.

Corps disbanded

BAGHDAD, June 23, (Reuters): Iraq has disbanded its 25,000-strong First Special Army Corps in what it says was a peace gesture towards Iran.

Iraq now has seven army corps deployed along the 1,180-km (740-mile) Gulf war front, where a ceasefire took effect last August. Each corps is estimated to have about 25,000 soldiers.

Paper outraged

NICOSIA, June 23, (AP): A government-run Iranian paper yesterday said Arab parliamentarians were racist in accusing Iran of obstructing progress in the Gulf war peace talks and rejected an appeal for exchanging prisoners of war.

The Arab League and all its offshoot organisations are preoccupied with cheap racial considerations," the English-language Tehran Times said in an editorial.

CID conference

TUNIS, June 23, (KUNA): The third Arab conference of heads of criminal intelligence departments wound up here yesterday.

The conference recommended development of the organisational structure of criminal intelligence bodies in the Arab world and use of modern technology. Recommendations will be forwarded to next December's meeting here of Arab interior ministers.

No bellystone

ISTANBUL, June 23, (Reuters): A Turkish bid without a bellystone is just not Turkish — and that's official.

"Trading standards officers in Istanbul say foreign imitations have confused what qualifies as a Turkish bath — many do not even have the all-important bellystone."

Visa war

ANKARA, June 23, (AP): The government announced today that British officials and diplomats will need visas to enter Turkey in a retaliation for moves by Britain requiring Turks to obtain visas.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Inal Batu said British Ambassador Timothy Daut was summoned to the ministry and informed about Turkey's decision, which will go into effect Aug 1.

Three indicted

CORPUS Christi, Texas, June 23, (AP): A Swedish man, couple and a woman indicted on charges of conspiring to illegally export military equipment to Iran are scheduled to stand trial in August.

Eileen and Ronald Hilton Arab, both 52, of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Erik Nissen, 62, of Norrkoping, Sweden, were arrested on May 25 and charged with violating the Arms Export Control Act, money laundering and conspiracy.

Hungry looters

KHARTOUM, June 23, (Reuters): Hundreds of hungry people looted a UN-sponsored relief train in south Sudan after apparently overwhelming rebels asked to guard the food, the United Nations said today.

It said in a statement that the villagers, some accompanied by armed men, stole 450 tonnes of food in five incidents. It did not say how the looting took place or identify the armed men.

"No shots were fired, nor was the train forcibly held up," the statement said.

Oman on itinerary

WASHINGTON, June 23, (AP): Secretary of State James Baker added Oman to his travel schedule Wednesday and also set July 4 for a stop in Tokyo to attend an international conference on economic assistance for the Philippines.

Baker will go from Tokyo to a meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Brunei July 6-8, then stop in Muscat, Oman, on his way to join President George Bush in Warsaw, Poland, July 9.

Direct contact

ADEN, June 23, (Reuters): Marxist-led South Yemen opened its first direct-dial telephone link with the outside world yesterday.

The new facility links South Yemen's six governorates with each other and with North Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Djibouti. Previously, all international and domestic long distance calls had to go through an operator.

Kurdish ambush

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey, June 23, (Reuters): Kurdish separatists killed five people in southeast Turkey today as part of a campaign of increased violence, security sources said.

Aoun calls for world pressure on Syria

Hoss blasts militias

BEIRUT, June 23, (Agencies): Lebanon's Christian leader today called on superpowers and other states to pressure Syria to end a 100-day-old siege he said could kill thousands of people.

"Until when will this silence over the killing of Lebanese continue?" said Major General Michel Aoun, whose troops battled with Syrian forces and allied Lebanese militias for 60 days until a May 11 ceasefire.

"The downfall of Lebanon as a result of the Syrian siege will be a defeat for the whole world by terrorism, extortion and occupation," he told a news conference in Beirut.

Aoun, who was army commander before being appointed by Lebanon's outgoing president to head a military government — now vying for power with a Syrian-backed cabinet — vowed in March to drive Syria's 40,000 troops out of Lebanon.

At least 374 people were killed in battles between Aoun's mostly Christian troops and Syrian forces and their allies which began after he clamped a blockade of Lebanese militia-run ports.

Syria and its Lebanese militia allies retaliated by imposing a land and sea siege on Lebanon's Christian enclave to block shipments of fuel and ammunition and drain support for Aoun.

The three-month-old blockade of Aoun's territory as well as the closure of Beirut's airport and Muslim-held ports have severely hit the economy and driven thousands of families into poverty.

Aoun called on Lebanese communities abroad to stage sit-ins outside American and Soviet embassies in protest at the siege.

Prime Minister Selim Hoss, a Sunni Muslim who heads the Syrian-backed rival government in Lebanon, said in a statement today that the crisis had reached "its ugliest stage."

In his strongest recent attack on the militias, Hoss accused Muslim militiamen of kidnapping Rami Bsat, the director of the government's wheat office, on Wednesday in a bid to sabotage the distribution of flour in Muslim West Beirut.

Hoss did not name the militias he believes responsible for the kidnapping of Bsat.

A previously unknown group, calling itself Father of the Poor, has claimed abducting Bsat in Syrian-policed West Beirut on Wednesday to protest a bread shortage.

Hoss blamed the shortages in vital supplies on "leaders who have become merchants."

He was apparently referring to the leaders of the various Muslim and leftist militias who have been recently accused of making astronomical profits from suspicious business deals.

The Arab tripartite committee on Lebanon is to continue its work evaluating the results of recent contracts, according to a brief statement issued at the end of a meeting at ministerial level of the committee in Algiers yesterday.

Arab sources in Algiers said the committee discussed how to achieve an "acceptable compromise" between Syria and Iraq in order to scale down the conflict between factions they support in Lebanon.

The sources said the committee considered financial pressure, but wanted to avoid tension.

■ A Cypriot court yesterday formally accused six Lebanese of plotting to assassinate Aoun by blowing his helicopter out of the sky with anti-aircraft missiles.

■ A Canadian parliamentary committee investigating problems in the system that allows Lebanese to emigrate to Canada has made several recommendations to the government which should make it easier for people fleeing the war to reach Canada.

■ The United States and other Western countries predicted the rebels they support would quickly topple Najibullah's Soviet-backed government after the troop pullout, but their predictions were wrong.

Najibullah told the Council, the country's top decision-making body on security and defence matters, that the armed forces had won the first round but not a final victory.

■ The communist Afghan government confirmed Wednesday it has arrested an American news photographer travelling with US-backed rebels but said it may release him if President Bush sends a special envoy to Kabul.

State-run Kabul Radio said Tony O'Brien, 38, a news photographer for the Picture Group Agency on assignment for Life magazine, entered Afghanistan illegally with a rebel escort on June 8 and was later detained by authorities on the outskirts of Kabul.

He said he was sent to photograph Kabul airport, security posts and other military targets, the Pashto-language broadcast said. "He is now under legal arrest and under investigation."

■ Three mothers of Soviet soldiers held prisoners by rebels in Afghanistan met yesterday with a group of Afghan women who have lost sons or close relatives in the decade-old civil war.

■ Muslim guerrillas killed 12 people today in their biggest rocket attack in three weeks on the Afghan capital Kabul, residents said.

The mayor of Kabul, Major-General Mohammad Hakim, told reporters 25 rockets fell on residential areas in the northern part of the city of two million people.

He said the rockets were fired from hills north of the capital by the rebels, armed mainly by the United States and neighbouring Pakistan.

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Glimpse of Cools' life as hostage

BRUSSELS, June 23, (AP): At first, food was plentiful enough that Jan Cools had to watch his weight. Guards even fanned him with trays to stave off the oppressive heat in his tiny cell.

But later during his 13 months as a hostage in Lebanon, isolation and poor hygiene drove him to despair, the Belgian doctor said yesterday, one week after his release.

Cools shed no light on the identity of his kidnappers. The Soldiers of Justice, a pro-Iran fundamentalist group in Beirut, claimed he was their captive.

He was kidnapped after leaving a Palestinian refugee camp near the port city of Tyre in southern Lebanon on May 21, 1988.

He never knew for how he would be held, until the tiny window of his cell swung open on June 14 and a guard told him: "Get up."

Cools said his first reaction was: "They are going to shoot me. But it was soon clear it meant my release. It is a moment I will never forget in my life."

He was freed one day later, after intervention by a Belgian government minister.

In his statement, Cools spoke of his capture, the gnawing insecurity about his own fate and the plight of his parents and friends.

During his first six months as a hostage, he said, he was relatively well treated although he was kept in a tiny room in which he could barely stand up or stretch out. Guards were friendly and food was good and plentiful at first.

"I had to watch out that I did not get any fatter," Cools said.

After five days, he was even given a radio. He said temperatures in his cell reached 45C (111F) at times and that guards occasionally fanned him with a tray to cool him off.

But last November, the conditions of his imprisonment worsened for no apparent reason.

His radio and his watch were taken away and in December the openings in the wall of his room were sealed making it impossible to tell night from day.

"I started to cry," Cools told reporters. Hygiene became almost non-existent.

Supporter of Israel irate

US-Saudi arms deal proposed

WASHINGTON, June 23, (UPI): The Bush administration has sent to Congress its first proposal to sell weapons to Saudi Arabia — a \$850 million package of aircraft spares, missiles and training — a member of Congress revealed yesterday.

Representative Mel Levine, a Democrat from California and an outspoken supporter of Israel, made public the proposed sale in a session of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

And he complained that Secretary of State James Baker had broken a promise to consult with members of Congress before sending lawmakers formal notification of such proposed sales.

An obviously annoyed Baker blamed a staff slipup for the lack of communication and agreed there should have been more consultation with Congress. He promised to correct the situation.

But Baker grew angry, adding he hopes "there won't be a knee-jerk reaction" in opposition to the sale by some members of Congress.

"For the record," Levine said, "There was no knee-jerk reaction."

Baker shot back, "That's because we haven't sent any up (to Capitol Hill) for the last six months." The proposed \$850 million Saudi arms deal is the first since the Bush administration took office in January.

Israel's supporters on Capitol Hill frequently complain about US arms sales to Arab countries, saying the Jewish state is threatened by such deals. A campaign two years ago spearheaded by the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee was instrumental in killing a \$5 billion US-Saudi aircraft deal.

Algeria debates historic reform

ALGIERS, June 23, (Reuters): Algeria's National Assembly is debating an historic shift from one-party state to multi-party democracy, spurred on by riots last October and pressing economic problems.

The assembly ended initial debate on Wednesday on a draft law on political associations which challenges the monopoly of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) for the first time since independence in 1962.

The official Algerian Press Service (APS) quoted Interior Minister Abdelhak Benhabib as saying the draft would be limited to account for objections raised in three days of open scrutiny discussion.

The current National Assembly session is due to end by July 4 but an extraordinary session could be convened if necessary.

Algeria approved a new constitution in February and has since drawn up draft laws on free elections, political parties, the media and sweeping reforms to liberalise the economy.

But the proposals have met resistance from reformists who say they do not go far enough and FLN hardliners, who fear a loss of influence.

The draft law on political associations — still not directly called parties — was criticised by some who said it could exclude Islamic fundamentalist groups which have sprung up in recent months.

One clause bans "intolerance, fanaticism and sectarian practices" and excludes parties based on a particular religious creed, language or region.

This could also be interpreted as ruling out parties formed by non-Arab ethnic Berbers to seek greater cultural freedom.

"Let us build an authentic democracy and not a democratic illusion," local papers quoted deputy Cherraf Abdelkader as telling the 295-member assembly on Tuesday.

"President Chadli Benjedid, who spearheaded the reform drive after at least 150 people were killed in last October's riots, has himself warned against a false democracy to perpetuate the FLN's monopoly on political life."

Deputies also questioned clauses that set strict limits on membership fees and financial contributions to new parties.

"A redrafting of certain parts (of the law) will eliminate misunderstandings raised by deputies, all of whose remarks will be taken into consideration," APS said the interior minister as saying.

President Chadli and reformist leaders in the FLN are anxious to maintain the momentum or reform and fear consequences of a prolonged legislative stalemate, political sources said.



Salute to heroes

Iranian Parliamentary Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani at the Monument to Heroic Defenders of Leningrad. Rafsanjani visited Leningrad on Thursday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Ahmad undecided on presidency

Role in hierarchy sought

NICOSIA, June 23, (AP): Ayatollah Khomeini's only son, Ahmad, will seek a role in the Iranian hierarchy following his father's death, but he still is not sure what he will aim for, a close aide said in an interview yesterday with Tehran Radio.

Hojatollah Mohammad Ali Ansari's statement indicated the younger Khomeini, 43, has not yet decided to run in presidential elections set for July 28.

Ansari is a leading radical clergyman working at the ayatollah's office. He is a close friend of Ahmad.

The younger Khomeini allied himself with the radicals when his father unleashed a resurgence of fundamentalism in February, calling on Muslims to kill British writer Salman Rushdie, for allegedly blaspheming Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses."

"When we have been with him (Ahmad) we have never heard a word which would indicate his participation in political issues," Ansari said in an interview with the radio, monitored in Nicosia.

"But, as someone who had always been at the imam's side, he would serve the system to the end," Ansari added. Iranians called Khomeini an imam, or supreme leader.

Several officials had predicted the younger Khomeini, who had been his father's closest adviser, would exploit the wave of emotion engulfing Iran after Khomeini's death on June 3 to advance his political ambitions. Khomeini died of a heart attack at age 86.

His daughter, Zahra Mustafavi, has said in a recent interview that her brother, Ahmad, had aspired to become president since 1981, but that her father always insisted on keeping his children out of political posts.

She said she expected Ahmad to run for presidency this year. But he still had not declared any such plan six days before the constitutional period for announcing candidacy ends June 28.

The powerful Parliament Speaker, Hashemi Rafsanjani, 55, remains the only candidate for the post.

Iran wants better ties with Arabs, rejects mediation bids with America

ABU DHABI, June 23, (Agencies): Iran wants better ties with the Arab world but will not reopen relations with Saudi Arabia unless a dispute over the annual haj (pilgrimage) is resolved, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati was quoted yesterday as saying.

Velayati also told Dubai-based Al Bayan newspaper that in recent months Tehran had rejected offers by unnamed countries to mediate between Iran and the United States.

"We hope in the future we will have sound relations with Arab countries on the basis of friendship and mutual interest," Velayati was quoted as saying.

He said there would be no change in Iran's foreign policy after the death earlier this month of supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

"At present we have strong relations with a number of Arab states, but we have problems, and normalising relations with these depends on the ability of those countries to solve these major problems," he said, citing Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Egypt is condemned for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

"Resuming relations with the Saudis hinges on the two countries' ability to resolve their past problems, foremost of which is the haj issue," Velayati told Al Bayan.

More than 400 people died in riots in Makkah during the haj in 1987. Relations deteriorated afterwards and Riyadh cut diplomatic ties with Tehran in April 1988.

The two countries remain at odds over the number of Iranians who should be allowed to take part in this year's haj in July. Iran has indicated it might boycott the pilgrimage, as it did last year.

"Several countries had approached us for some kind of mediation with the US. But we reject that as the Islamic Republic in Iran has never welcomed such mediations," Velayati said.

Velayati refused to give names of the countries which approached Tehran for mediation nor to elaborate on relations with Washington, said the paper.

"Our foreign policy will follow the approach of Imam Khomeini, which allows us, in the light of Islamic principles and national independence, to establish good relations with other countries," Velayati said.

Soviet prop to Iran defence

Religious contacts

MOSCOW, June 23, (Agencies): The Soviet Union agreed yesterday to strengthen Iran's defences and foster religious contacts with its southern neighbour.

The agreement, embodied in a declaration signed by President Mikhail Gorbachev and Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, capped an official visit to the Soviet Union that appeared to thaw a decade of icy relations.

The Soviet Union pledged co-operation in "strengthening the defence capacity" of Iran, while also committing both nations to "striving to rid the world of aggression."

Rafsanjani sidestepped questions about future arms deals. He said only that Iran was trying to be self-sufficient in arms but has some "technical requirements that we would like to see met by various sources."

Soviet armed forces chief Mikhail Moiseyev indicated on Wednesday that Moscow was considering military sales to Iran.

The declaration also says that Iran and the Soviet Union "will strive for a broad acquaintance with each other's life, culture, convictions, customs and traditions." It specifically called for the governments to exchange delegations of religious leaders.

The cordial relations displayed in the declaration and Rafsanjani's invitation to Gorbachev to visit the Islamic state are a sharp contrast to the last decade. The Soviet Union had supplied weapons to Iraq during its eight-year war against Iran. However, even then the Soviets arranged for the sale of arms to Iran through third countries.

The change in relations came at a time when the Soviet Union has been troubled by outbreaks of unrest among its more than 100 ethnic groups, especially the 50 million Muslims in its southern borders.

Muslim Azerbaijanis fought with Christian Armenians, resulting in more than 90 deaths last year, and in recent weeks 100 people have been killed in the primarily Muslim Central Asian republics in rioting sparked by ethnic and economic problems.

Rafsanjani, asked about the Central Asian clashes at a news conference yesterday said his country would not interfere with Soviet internal affairs.

However, he added, "we consider Mr Gorbachev has a long way to come in providing freedoms and people's participation in the democratic process." He did not elaborate.

At the news conference, Rafsanjani emphasised that the talks with Gorbachev had gone well.

"The optimism that we had before the meetings has been totally justified," Rafsanjani said.

On other issues, Rafsanjani: ● accused the United States of unspecified "plots and conspiracies" against Iran when asked about the possibility that relations would improve after Khomeini's death.

● said Afghanistan must be free to resolve its differences without outside interference after the withdrawal of Soviet soldiers from their country more than four months ago.

Gorbachev and Rafsanjani agreed on a broad spectrum of economic co-operation, to include atomic energy, space and gas processing.

Rafsanjani suggested a joint Soviet-Iranian space voyage during the visit, and Gorbachev ordered his deputies to begin working out the details.

Rafsanjani emphasized in remarks distributed by Tass on Wednesday that several months before his death on June 3, Khomeini called for better relations with the Soviet Union. Tass said Gorbachev and Khomeini exchanged messages in February, and since then their foreign ministers have met four times.

The emphasis on friendly co-operation, generally used by Moscow only in accords with its communist partners, was reflected in the high public profile given to Rafsanjani's visit.

The declaration committed Tehran and Moscow not to interfere in each other's internal affairs and ruled out the use of force.

Western diplomats said the declaration, and agreements signed by the two sides, reflected a relationship of mutual convenience.

Iran, they said, needed help to rebuild its economy following the Gulf war and Moscow sought good relations with Tehran to guard against an upsurge in sympathy for Islamic fundamentalism in its simmering Central Asian republics.

Rushdie's trouble

Death sentence stays

MOSCOW, June 23, (Reuters): Iran's death sentence on British author Salman Rushdie cannot be reversed, Tehran's senior leader Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said yesterday.

"We cannot in the name of God take back that prescription," Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, said of the order to kill Rushdie pronounced in February by the late spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Asked if Iran might change its stand on Rushdie, whose book "The Satanic Verses" has been denounced as blasphemous by Muslims, Rafsanjani said the West did not understand the problem.

"What Iran said was according to the sharia (Islamic law)," he said. "There is no one in Iran who would want to or could take back that prescription."

Iran hailed yesterday a British high court ruling allowing a Muslim group to pursue a bid to bring author Rushdie to trial for alleged blasphemy against Islam.

State-run Tehran Radio said the ruling could be taken as a sign that Britain wanted to "correct" its positions in the row over the death sentence pronounced by Khomeini.

The radio commentary came hours after Rafsanjani told reporters in Moscow that the death sentence could not be revoked.

A high court judge on Monday granted the British Muslim Action Front permission to challenge an earlier ruling that Rushdie could not be tried because the country's anti-blasphemy law applied only to Christianity.

GCC markets saturated with foreign products

Support national industries: study

KUWAIT, June 23, (GNA): A recent industrial study has warned that the local markets in the Gulf are the target of a policy of saturation with foreign products, which paves the way for a critical price war.

This is despite the GCC decision of 1984 to accord precedence to national products on government projects and to stress the element of competition

in price, quality and delivery. The study, prepared by the Kuwaiti economist Dr Abbas Al Mejrin and published by the Industrial Bank of Kuwait, says that the majority of foreign products invading the Gulf countries come primarily from South East Asian countries and from East and West European countries, and that the products coming from South East Asia

include a wide variety of American and European trademarks manufactured in these countries.

The study points out that the main approach used in the implementation of the market saturation policy is low prices; in certain cases lower than the price of raw material, as practised in the case of Asian and European tissue paper products.

The study goes on to say that the prices of certain plastic products have been 50 per cent lower than those produced locally, pointing out that the percentage of local products covered by customs protection was low.

The study says that although the information collected has been based on the situation in Kuwait, however it can well

reflect the situation in the other GCC member states where the percentage of customs-produced local produce is similarly low.

The study reveals that the factors assisting the implementation of the local market saturation policy include the size of the local markets, the consumer bias in favour of imported products and the sharp competition result-

ing from the open-door policy pursued in relation to international markets, besides the fact that certain local products fail to conform to standard specifications.

The study stressed the need for government support of national products and continued customs protection to help reduce the cost of local products, and co-ordinate supply with demand.

Kuwait ranks eighth in Third World aid

Norway tops generosity

PARIS, June 23, (Agencies): Despite a decline in the amount of its foreign aid in the past five years, Kuwait remains the world's eighth ranked donor state as in percentage of gross national product.

According to a report by the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Kuwait aid in 1988 constituted 0.40 per cent of the country's GNP with a total value of \$108 million.

The OECD report pointed out that since 1984, when the economic development aid amounted to \$1,020 million or 3.85 per cent of the GNP, Kuwait aid has followed a declining course, but yet it remained as an important donor state.

The decline of Kuwait aid was attributed to the drop of oil revenues in the two previous years coupled with the shrinking value of the US dollar against other major currencies.

The percentage of Kuwait aid for development of Third World states as of the country's GNP is higher than those of Belgium, West Germany, Italy and Japan, the report shows. It is even higher than the average of the 19 Western industrialised states that form the "Development Assistance Committee."

Net foreign aid from the industrialised countries to Third World nations rose by 6.7 per cent last year, the OECD reports said.

The OECD, which groups the world's 24 richest free-market countries, said net official aid transfers rose to \$47.6 billion in 1988 from \$41.5 billion a year earlier.

Although the rise in absolute terms was 14.7 per cent, the increase in real terms was 6.7 per cent after adjustment for changes in the value of the dollar and in prices, the report said.

The OECD's definition of net official aid transfers subtracts developing countries debt principal payments from gross official development assistance. The figures do not take into account interest or dividend payments.

The Paris-based agency said net total resource flows, including official and private capital flows from all countries and from multilateral institutions, rose to \$103 billion last year from \$97 billion in 1987. But after adjusting for currency and price fluctuations, the flows were roughly unchanged, it said.

The OECD estimated that developing countries paid \$86

billion in interest and dividends to the industrialised world last year, up 15.1 per cent from the 1987 total of \$74.7 billion.

The organisation also said there was a net backflow from developing countries to the International Monetary Fund for the third straight year in 1988. The IMF received \$4.3 billion more than it disbursed in the form of new loans last year, compared with \$4.7 billion in 1987.

The OECD commented that apart from Belgium, all of its member countries contributed to the rise in official development assistance last year. The biggest increases in absolute terms came from Japan, the United States, Britain, Australia, Canada, Italy and Finland.

The Scandinavian countries remained at the top of the standings of aid donors in terms of aid as a proportion of gross national product. Norway led the way with aid accounting for 1.12 per cent of GNP, followed by the Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden.

Despite a 9.3 per cent rise in absolute terms to \$9.8 billion US foreign aid represented only 0.20 per cent of GNP last year, tied with Ireland for lowest among the OECD aid donors.



Agriculture agreement signed

THE Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources Affairs has signed two contracts with the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research for surveying and classifying Kuwait soil and the strategic plan for development of productive agriculture in Kuwait.

Board Chairman and Director-General Sheikh Ibrahim Dujaili Sabah signed for the authority, and KISR Director-General Dr Ahmed Al Jassar signed on behalf of the institute.

Sheikh Ibrahim expressed hope that such studies

would accomplish fruitful results and live up to the Amiri desire and directions of HH the Crown Prince and Premier.

Jassar also said KISR has been keen on responding to the Amiri desire of greening and beautifying Kuwait and developing the country's productive agriculture.

He paid tribute to the authority's concern and efforts to enhance the agricultural sector in Kuwait.

Bachelors city lacks facilities

No post office, clinic

JAHRA Bachelors City has no place on Kuwait's geographic map, but once you have entered it you will find things that you have never seen at your ordinary residential area. It is green everywhere, there is a giant size football playground, a basketball hall, a volleyball ground, and other entertainment facilities in addition proper organisation and follow up of its utilities. But despite these features the city is riddled with problems and bachelor residents complain of a lack of facilities, according to a survey conducted by a local daily.

One of the security men at Jahra Bachelors City complained of the restaurant there and said that meals provided are sub-standard and expensive. He stated that the city is complete and contains every entertainment facility and pointed out that residents do not cause many problems. There are fights and disputes but security fully controls these disputes, and it is usually settled amicably. In addition there are no legal violations.

Utilities

He said that the co-operative society closes at 8 pm every evening and that the city doesn't have a mechanised bakery.

Ahmad Abdul Raheem said the city needs care and cleaning of most streets and sanitary utilities. He complained of the high prices of food. He added that there is no problem among city residents and that security men are fully co-operative with them. The city has no doctors or clinics, most patients are forced to go a long way before reaching a clinic in other areas. He requests that working hours at the co-operative society be extended.

Conditions

Othman Fekhr, a resident said that he lives at the Jahra Bachelors City because of a contract signed with the company he works in. He pointed out that most residents are there for the same reasons.

He added that the city lacks many basic necessities. Most residents are forced to send their letters through the mail but there is no post office or post box within the area. Post men don't go there regularly, just once every week which usually disrupts work. On the other hand

letters sent to residents from their families don't arrive and sometimes do after a month or more. He said that there is no transportation from and to the city, therefore most residents are forced to walk a long distance to the bus stop.

Fekhr added that the city has one vegetable market and residents are forced to buy from there at double the price offered outside.

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Mohammed Salah Al Deen said that he lives in a small room along with 10 more bachelors. He added that he spends his spare time visiting with his friend who is a salesman at the popular market, because the place there is big and has air-conditioning.

Entry

A salesman at the Jahra Bachelors City popular market, Leqat Ali said that he is comfortable living in the area and that he receives KD120 salary every month. He lives in the same shop where he works.

Ali Mohamed, hopes for more than one gate to the city. He said that at most times they are forced to go around their houses to enter the city through its main doorway.

On the other hand, the General Controller of Jahra Bachelors City, Adel Mubarak urged city residents to preserve the city and take good care of its utilities. The concerned company is responsible for external maintenance, besides they are compelled to pay electricity and water bills.

He added that the city is good and nearly has comprehensive facilities, but there are some inadequacies like a post office and clinic. He said that he requested a clinic from the Ministry of Public Health, but his demand was rejected. He said that the city administration has opened a small clinic for first aid treatment as a service to residents.

Regarding the prices of vegetables he said that matter concerned Sulabikhat Co-operative Society and the city administration has nothing to do with it.

For the benefit of poor Muslims

Sacrificial meat utilisation project in Saudi Arabia

THE Islamic Development Bank (IDB) informs all pilgrims that it has made arrangement for the purchase of 500,000 heads of sheep, which conform to all relevant Shari'ah and health conditions, and pilgrims can give authorisation to the Islamic Development Bank to slaughter sheep on their behalf in the slaughterhouses designated for the project in Muna in the framework of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Sacrificial Meat Utilisation Project. Under this project, implemented by the Islamic Development Bank in collaboration with the competent Saudi authorities, the bank will slaughter and prepare these sheep for the benefit of poor Muslims, where the Fidyah meat will be distributed to the poor Muslims of the Holy Haram, and the surplus meat from other kinds of sacrifices will be transported by air, sea or land, whichever is more appropriate, and distributed to poor Muslims and refugees in Bangladesh,

Burkina Faso, Chad, Comoro, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Tanzania. Payment for required sheep should be made through any of the branches of the Al Rajhi Banking for Investment Corporation.

Concern

This project stems from the concern of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to take every possible measure to extend assistance to pilgrims in the performance of their religious obligations and to facilitate the pilgrims fulfilment of the haj rites.

In view of the overcrowding observed at Al Moasim Model Slaughterhouse during the haj season of 1403H, a factor which made it extremely difficult to ensure the full anticipated benefit, it has been decided that slaughtering at these slaughter-

houses would be restricted to those who wish to authorise the assigned committee to slaughter on their behalf.

This plan was successfully carried out during the haj seasons of 1404H, 1405H, 1406H, 1407H and 1408H. In addition, a representative of 30 or more pilgrims is entitled to attend the slaughtering on their behalf.

Slaughterhouses

The government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has provided the slaughterhouses assigned for the project with the most modern machines and equipment for full utilisation of the meat of sheep slaughtered there.

Any person wishing to authorise IDB for the slaughtering on his behalf may pay SR280 to Al Rajhi Banking For Investment Corporation. The payee will receive in return a purchase voucher duly indicating the type of sacrifice required, whether Hady,

Fidya, Urdhiya or Sadaqa. This amount includes the price of one sheep and part of the cost of slaughtering, skinning, cleaning, veterinary services and transport of the meat to the deserving people.

For these types of sacrifice, 500,000 vouchers have been prepared. Selling of these vouchers will stop once this number has been sold out. Pilgrims wishing to delegate the performance of the slaughtering rite for Hady (for Tamattu' and Qiran) as well as for Urdhiya are urged to get out immediately to buy these vouchers as this is the maximum number the project can carry out this year before sunset of the last day of Tashriq.

The voucher shall be issued to the purchaser after particulars, regarding authorisation, are filled up at any branch of Al Rajhi Banking For Investment Corporation situated in Makkah, Jeddah, Muna, Ararat, Madina and all other Saudi cities.

Travelling Kuwaitis warned to be alert while abroad

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the link between Kuwaiti citizens and the different government departments and ministries when citizens are abroad through embassies and consulates abroad, the director of the consular department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jassem Bahman has said.

Bahman has warned Kuwaiti tourists abroad from being victims of fraud that result from ignorance in laws. He advised them to visit the Kuwaiti embassy or consulate in case of problems. He also called on citizens abroad to conduct themselves in a dignified manner when abroad. Passports should be particularly safeguarded so as not to fall in the possession of unscrupulous elements. Citizens should make photocopies of their passports to refer to in case of loss out of Kuwait. This will make it easy for Kuwaiti embassies and consulates to issue new passports, he said.

He pointed out that Kuwaiti tourists who lose their bags at the airport should refer to the carrier airlines company and those who lose them in hotels should refer to the administration of the hotel. If they lose them in their residence or flats they should refer and notify the police centres there. In all cases they should notify the embassies or consulates of Kuwait.

Bahman pointed out that non-Kuwaitis who have valid residence permit and lose their passports while out of Kuwait can refer to the Kuwaiti embassy after getting a new passport from the country or embassy of the country. The Kuwaiti embassy sends a telex to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (consulate department) containing all details on name, work place in Kuwait and number of his residence permit if possible. The ministry makes all required contacts with relevant authorities to make sure he has a valid residence in Kuwait. Accordingly the embassy issues an entry visa to enter into Kuwait with a new passport, he said.

Kuwait Medical Society amends basic charter

THE Kuwaiti Medical Society held an extraordinary general body meeting to amend some items in its basic charter. These amendments aim at developing the standard of the medical profession, preserving its honour and upholding its values.

The general assembly also discussed questions relating to the professional behaviour of its members including studies related to scientific researches in different medical fields. The meeting discussed co-operation between the society and the medical and scientific establishments, societies and universities in the world. It also discussed proposals to apply the medical insurance system to help and defend medical personnel if they are accused of committing professional mistakes.

Policies

The society's general assembly called on the society to participate in formulating medical education policies in the country and to take part in activities to Arabise medical education and to develop ties with Arab and foreign medical organisations and societies.

Socialising

LAW graduates employed in the public sector are not permitted to simultaneously take up work in lawyers offices, according to the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, Naser Al Roumi.

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Saudis spend SR7 billion to rehabilitate

THE Director-General of Muna Rehabilitation Project of Saudi Arabia Abdulaziz Ghandoura was quoted as saying that the Saudi government had spent over seven billion Saudi riyals to rehabilitate the area.

In a statement published in Makkah, the official said that the project consisted of tunnels, sanitary facilities, accommodations for pilgrims and a water network. About SR200 million were spent to establish slaughterhouses and cold rooms in Muna to facilitate sacrificial undertakings.

Cost

Another five projects were studied and will be implemented during the next Five-Year-Plan of the Muna area, the official was quoted as saying. He added that the total cost of the proposed projects together with the remaining projects for the current Five-Year-Plan were estimated at SR17 billion.

The said projects will include the construction of tunnels at the area of Holy Mosque in addition to the building of a road for pedestrians from Al Rahmah Mountain to Gharrar Mosque in addition to the completion of the tunnels at Makkah and the completion of the sanitary facilities and accommodations which had been designed to accommodate about three million pilgrims.

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Action Line

PLEASE explain the law on divorce for foreigners in Kuwait. I got married on Jan 3, 1989. But now, both my husband and I want to separate. Two weeks ago, we went to the same place we got married. To our surprise, we were told to come after five months. We want to travel to our own country shortly. Kindly give us an explanation.

Name withheld
THE sharia law (Islamic law) applies in case of divorce of Muslims. If a Muslim couple are filing for divorce, a husband can divorce his wife in the presence of two witnesses and go to the court to get the marriage annulled in court on the testimony of both witnesses.

A divorce is granted if he/she can prove the reason for separation, which could be ill-treatment, beating or insufficient financial support. A person has to provide sufficient evidence to prove his/her claims.

For non-Muslims, the law of the husband's country is applied. It is not necessary for you to remain in the country to get divorced. The case can be followed up by a lawyer. We suggest you contact a divorce lawyer and seek his advice.

I CAME to Kuwait in July 1988 for the first time on visa No. 18. My sponsor wishes to release me now. However, according to the new rules, can I take up employment in July 1989 with another company? I will be completing one year on my present sponsorship. If I manage to obtain a new visa, can I re-enter Kuwait immediately, or do I have to wait for another two years to take up employment?

A. Fernandes
UNDER the new rules, you can't change sponsorship before completing three years service with one company. This restriction can be waived if a person has lived in Kuwait for 10 years or more. As you don't qualify, according to the law, you can't take up employment with another company.

So far, there is no restriction on re-entering Kuwait on a new visa. It is common practice for people to come back on new visas.

I'VE been in Kuwait for nearly seven years and married three years ago. At present I have two daughters, twins, aged 10 months. I approached the traffic department to change my Indian driving licence to Kuwait's. But I was helpless. I hold a bachelor's degree and a certificate in business management from Canada.

I work as a secretary. I'm having difficulty in taking my daughters to the baby sitter. I can't apply for a maid's visa because I can't meet the salary requirements to process necessary documents.

I request you to reconsider my case favourably, and wait for your comments.

Rodolph Rodrigues
THE traffic department is issuing licences, learners and others, only to a limited number of people. As you must know, only the General Traffic Department has jurisdiction over the issuance of driving licences. The director of the Traffic Department, and other officials, have repeatedly said that only a limited set of professionals are eligible to obtain learner's licences. As you are employed as a secretary, you don't fall in the category of professionals who can get a learner's licence or apply for exchanging. Although we sympathise with you, we regret to inform you that we can't help you.

I'M a senior engineer in a government company, holding a valid driving licence from my country of origin. My application for a Kuwaiti licence was rejected, saying I must be a member of the Kuwait Engineers Society to be eligible for exchanging it. Is it necessary to become a member of the society or is it due to a communication gap?

U.S. Gaba
OFFICIALS at the Traffic Department, replying to our query, said that there must have been a communication gap. To their knowledge, it's not mandatory for an engineer to be a member of the Kuwait Engineers Society.

I'M a salesman. During my working hours, I visit various customers to promote sales. Commuting by bus is both time consuming and tiring. Is a salesman eligible to obtain a Kuwaiti driving licence? I understand that the authorities have temporarily stopped issuing driving licences except to professionals.

J.F. Creado
YOUR query was addressed to our attorney, Khaled Taber. However, it is not a legal problem and he has suggested you get in touch with the Traffic Department to apply for a licence. You are right. The authorities have temporarily suspended the issuance of driving licence. We regret to inform you that a salesman is not eligible, under the exceptions, to apply for a change of licence.

I'M an Indian. I came to Kuwait in March this year on a visa No. 18, valid for three years. My salary is KD100 per month. My wife is working as a nurse in Oman. Is it possible to bring her to Kuwait and get her a job in the Health Ministry?

J. Varghese
IT'S not clear how you want to bring your wife? If you want to bring her as a dependent, you don't qualify under rules which stipulate that only an expatriate earning a salary of KD650 or more can obtain a dependent visa.

Nurses are recruited by the Ministry of Health, Kuwait. Perhaps, your wife could apply to them for a job, and if selected, she can join you.

I'M employed by a company in Bahrain, which has branched out and has relocated me to Kuwait. Pending the release of my work permit, I've been travelling to Kuwait since November 1987 for a duration of one month each trip. During such trips, I've been driving in Kuwait.

My questions are: (1) Can my Bahraini licence be converted to a Kuwaiti driving licence? (2) Will the local office concerned cancel my Bahraini residence?

Edgar T. Doctolero
(1) ONLY the licence of Gulf nationals can be converted to a Kuwaiti driving licence.
(2) The Bahraini residence can only be cancelled by the authorities in Bahrain.

I RECENTLY brought my family on a dependent visa. My wife is a doctor and is interested in taking up a job.

(1) Is it necessary for her to go out of Kuwait and re-enter on a working visa?
(2) If she takes up a job in a private hospital, is there any restriction for her to change to a government job, say after six months?

Yusuf
YOUR query was addressed to the Legal Clinic. On your behalf, we made enquiries with the Ministry of Interior and were told that (1) All expatriates are required to re-enter Kuwait if they change their visa from a dependent to a work permit, including professionals; (2) All expatriates are covered by the new rules that came into effect in March this year, which means that a transfer of a job is not permissible before completing three years of service with one employer. The ministerial decision No. 87/1989 stipulates that an employee should serve his employer (sponsor) for at least a period of three years.

1. SINCE I held a domestic visa, I went to India for my delivery and had to leave my baby there. Now, I am holding a residence No. 18, and so is my husband. Since we are both holding residence No. 18, is it possible to bring our baby to Kuwait as a dependent?
2. Even though we both are on residence No. 18, is it still necessary for either of us to qualify under the KD 650 salary terms to bring our baby as a dependent?

W. Serrao

AN immigration official said: "If both parents hold visa No. 18, the father is eligible to have the child added to his iqama, provided the child was born in Kuwait."

1. He further said: "If the child is born out of Kuwait, then one of the parents has to qualify, earning a salary of KD 650 or above, to sponsor the child."

2. Yes. It is absolutely necessary for one of the parents to earn KD 650 or more to bring a child on a dependent visa.

If you have a query, need clarification of rules pertaining to immigration, communications or any other matter, or need advice, drop in a line to Action Line, PO Box 2270, 13023, Safat, Kuwait; or fax your questions to 484-7495.

Collect calls to continue

OVERSEAS collect telephone calls cannot be stopped or banned, according to an official source at the Ministry of Communications.

The source was commenting on Zayed Matar's "Day by Day", and added that collect calls are related to foreign countries and the telephone subscriber in Kuwait decides whether he wants to receive the call or not.

Subscribers whose telephone trunk call services are disconnected should immediately pay the bills of any foreign collect calls incurred.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri donation

BEIRUT, June 23, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah has donated \$1 million for rehabilitation of Al Maqasid Islamic Charitable Hospital.

Official sources said Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss had informed the concerned authorities at the hospital of HH's contribution to re-equip the X-Ray department destroyed in a fire recently.

Earlier hospital authorities said the fire was deliberate but they failed to name the suspects.

Jordan delegation

KUWAIT, June 23, (KUNA): A delegation from Jordan's Ministry of Transport is due to arrive here tomorrow for talks on bilateral co-operation.

An authoritative source at Communications Ministry told KUNA that the delegation will discuss a draft agreement on international overland transportation of passengers and goods between Kuwait and Jordan.

The two sister states have earlier presented specific proposals on their viewpoints regarding the draft agreement.

Membership

KUWAIT, June 23, (KUNA): Egypt's full membership in the Arab Agricultural Engineers Union was restored, Secretary of Kuwait Agricultural Engineers Society Mohammed Al Fayez said.

Fayez, who attended the meeting of the union's executive bureau in Amman, said the bureau also decided to support the fund of the Arab agricultural engineers in occupied Palestine.

The bureau recommended marketing of agricultural production in the occupied land in the Arab countries and abroad.

Tunis visit

TUNIS, June 23, (KUNA): Board Chairman and Director-General of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources in Kuwait Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah will start a six-day official visit to Tunisia this Sunday.

Informed Tunisian sources told KUNA that Sheikh Ibrahim and the accompanying delegation will hold talks with Tunisian officials in charge of agriculture, livestock and fisheries on ways of broadening bilateral co-operation.

Sheikh Ibrahim and the accompanying delegation would visit several pioneer agro-fisheries projects in Tunisia.

Express mail

BUDAPEST, June 23, (KUNA): The Hungarian post office is to launch an express mail service with Kuwait, Qatar, Pakistan and Senegal on July 1, and with Morocco on July 9.

From that time on, Hungary will have express mail links with 37 countries.

Hungary joined the international Express Mail Service (EMS) in 1985. The service forwards consignments (letters, documents, souvenirs, goods) of at most 20 kg to the addressee within 24-72 hours.

Jaber arrives

KUWAIT, June 23, (KUNA): Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad and the accompanying delegation returned here yesterday evening at the end of a three-day visit to Egypt.

He was received at the airport by Information Undersecretary, senior staff of the ministry and Charge d'Affaires at the Egyptian embassy in Kuwait.

Awadi leaves

KUWAIT, June 23, (KUNA): Minister of Planning and President of the Islamic Organisation for Medical Science, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi left this afternoon for Amman to take part in a symposium of patterns of Muslim life and relation to health.

Invitation to the symposium, held under auspices of Jordanian heir apparent Prince Hassan Bin Talal, was extended by director-general of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

CSC to provide jobs to Kuwaiti graduates

Poor response from private sector

THE Undersecretary of Civil Service Commission Abdul Aziz Al Zaben has said that Kuwaiti graduates especially graduates of scientific majors have good work chances in the public sector. But he added that CSC finds some difficulty in appointing graduates of some theoretical majors in the ministries and government departments but the CSC undertakes the required procedure to employ them.

He added that CSC established an office for manpower planning in March 1988. The office collects information on Kuwaiti

youths who search for jobs at public and private sectors in order to find suitable jobs for them according to their qualifications.

He added that suitable jobs were available for 95 per cent of youths who carry university degrees and diploma who submitted their applications to the office during the past period.

But the private sector is still showing poor response to our attempts to appoint a number of these graduates in private establishments, Zaben said.

Zaben pointed out that CSC will have a new building in Shuwaikh area near the United Arab Shipping Company's headquarters. CSC wrote to Kuwait Municipality to allocate a piece of land for the project which was referred to the Public Works Ministry to make studies and estimate the budget. We also asked the municipality to increase the area specialised for the project that is being studied by the municipality, the official said.

He pointed out that a decision was issued by the Civil Service Council this

year which determined restrictions to appoint Kuwaiti students in public sector during their study at the university or higher institutes. The decision allowed the employment of Kuwaiti students as regular employees provided he/she is the only sponsor and mainstay of the family. But if he is not, and the social survey showed his need for work he can be employed as a part time employee against two dinars for each work hour provided the work hours do not exceed 12 hours a week.

Nursing staff inadequate: study

Time spent on unrelated jobs

A RECENT study published by the Ministry of Public Health on services provided by nurses in hospitals, said that Kuwait has over 8,000 nurses—\$76 of whom are in the private sector.

According to these statistics, there are about 48 nurses for each 10,000 of the population, a rate that is only topped by USA, UK and Bulgaria. These figures were published in the study in spite of the fact that all senior ministry officials complain that the ministry has an acute shortage of nurses. This has even forced the Ministry of Public Health to withdraw nurses at secondary schools and nurses at intermediate schools may also be withdrawn to "face the shortage in the Health Ministry". This fact aroused speculations about the exact nature of the nurses' work in Kuwait.

Field study
To remove any misunderstanding, the Nursing Services Department in the ministry carried out a field study on the nature of the work of nurses. The study concluded that nurses are forced to spend a good deal of their working hours in non-nursing duties like clerical work and other services.

The study distributed questionnaires to over 2,000 nurses employed at the Ministry of Health general hospitals and specialised centres. The poll covered nurses posted at the different departments in the hos-

itals and centres like the outpatient clinics, surgery, intensive care units, operations and others.

In the Chest Diseases Hospital, the study found that 58.5 per cent of the nurses' time in the operation theatre goes to non-nursing work. It showed that in the same hospital, 24.5 per cent of the outpatient clinic nurses work hours are related to non-professional duties and the percentage is 18.38 in the intensive care unit.

In Al Razi Orthopaedic hospital, 37.3 per cent of the working hours of the outpatient clinic nurses is consumed in other work, while the percentage is 20.3 per cent and 7.6 per cent for nurses in the operation and surgery departments respectively.

Waste
In Ibn Sina Hospital, 24.6 per cent of the operations nurses time is involved in work not directly related to their duties, while nurses in the outpatient clinic and intensive care unit, consume 24.4 per cent and 5 per cent respectively. In the Maternity Hospital, outpatient clinic nurses waste 42.1 per cent of their time for clerical work while the percentage is only 2.5 per cent for nurses at the labour wards.

Comparing the waste of time in the operation theatres at various public hospitals, the study found that the percentage is 20 per cent at the Amir Hospital, 31 per cent at Mubarak Al

Kabir, 23.9 per cent at Sabah Hospital, 25 per cent at Adan Hospital, 34.1 per cent at Jahra and only 18 per cent at Farwaniya Hospital.

Nurses in the paediatrics departments at the various hospitals also lose time in compiling other duties. In Jahra hospital the time wasted represents 21 per cent, in Sabah Hospital the rate is 20 per cent, Farwaniya 19.3 per cent, Amir 11.8 per cent and Adan Hospital 9.5 per cent.

Duties
The study said that other non-nursing duties performed by nurses included clerical works, bringing medicines from the hospital pharmacies, besides supervising cleaning and other works. For example, clerical works represent 13 per cent of the nurses time in Paediatric Department at Sabah Hospital, 19.7 per cent of nurses in the Internal Diseases Department at Farwaniya Hospital and 22 per cent of the nurses at the outpatient clinic at Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital.

The study proposed that unproductive hours must be minimised and that the majority of working hours should be devoted to original work. It proposed that administrative employees should attend to written formalities under the nurses supervision and that nurses should not be sent to bring medicines from pharmacies or carrying out other works in laboratories.

Expansion plan for Shuwaikh exchange

AN official source at Kuwait's Ministry of Communications was quoted as saying that Shuwaikh Telephone Exchange had been designed to deal with a limited number of telecommunications particularly during the rush period.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that it was noted that daily during the hours of 10.30 to 12.30 the exchange was facing significant pressure.

He added that the ministry is striving seriously to solve the problem at two distinct levels, the first is designed for short term purpose entails the use of the spare telephone switchboard which is currently available at Shuwaikh exchange and which is sufficient to receive about 10,000 calls daily.

For the long term, the ministry has adopted necessary measures aimed at expansion in the computer equipment for accommodating more calls.

Meanwhile, the official said that the ministry had decided to expand its services to the public which include among other things an increase in public telephone booths. He clarified that several public telephones were installed in several areas of the country including some facilities such as the sea clubs, government institutions, banks, hospitals, gardens, co-operative societies and other public utilities.

He added that the ministry will charge the relevant institutions the installation charge, telephone price, subscription fee for the booth where the public telephone will be deposited.

He disclosed that the relevant ministerial decision had defined the application fee at KD5, the connection fee KD70, the annual subscription fee KD70 in addition to the optional offer such as the quality of the telephone set which ranges between KD70 to KD160 in addition to the value of the kiosk which had been defined at KD400 in addition to the disconnection charge fixed at KD15.

Meanwhile, the official said that the ministry is in touch with government institutions and private sector companies to enjoy such service, hinting that many positive replies in this connection were received, while some other had rejected the new procedures.

The official disclosed that there were about 268 public telephones in the country presently.

Fao visit

KUWAIT, June 23, (KUNA): Public Works Minister Abdul Rahman Al Houti leaves tomorrow for Iraq, as a representative of HH the Amir, to attend the celebrations of starting the reconstruction of the city of Fao.



Soviet official arrives

The Soviet Deputy Minister for Foreign Economic Relations Moor Davinov arrived here Thursday on an eight-day visit.

The official, who was received at the airport by board chairman of the Kuwait Petrochemical Industries Company Hussain Al Jassem and the Soviet ambassador here, stated that his visit, at the head of an official delegation, is to partake in the first session of the joint Kuwait-Soviet Economic Commission.

He explained that the commission will review all domains of economic, trade, technical and scientific co-operation between the two countries.

The Soviet guest will start his official talks today where he is scheduled to visit the Kuwait Oil Company in Ahmadi for talks with its executives.

Travel fares row heats up again

BAHRAIN'S volatile travel market is once again the centre of a price-structure row. The situation becomes particularly hostile in summer, the peak travel period, when rival competitors invariably indulge in relentless distributive over the pricing and quality of services offered.

Over the last few years the island's travel industry expanded rapidly in view of increasing business and leisure travelling and a growing new tourism industry. Travel has also generally become economically viable for all segments of the island to most parts of the world. At present the country has about 70 travel agencies and four operators of oil scales. Critics argue that this is too large a number for a small market like Bahrain, while defenders voice the importance of adhering to the free-market policy prevalent in the country.

Large travel agencies and tour operators as well as some major airlines frequently complain about the size of the market with the emergence of 'too many' small operators in the business. These big firms voice concern over the fact that the small firms carry out extensive undercutting and indiscriminate pricing of air tickets, including package tours. The small agencies are also accused of being 'amateurs' with no professional expertise and ethics, who offer poor services and 'ridiculous discounts' to customers. This mode of business, say the big operators, deprive customers of genuine quality services of the professional firms. The small firms operate on minimum profit margins, low overheads and with unqualified staff, according to a spokesman of a leading travel agency.

Generally, the larger travel companies are piqued by the fact that the small operators, who are the majority in the industry, do not follow any rules but saturate the market and try to take more of the business by adopting 'unfair' means.

The small firms on the other hand defend their business actions under the policy of 'free-trade' and 'open-market' in Bahrain. A spokesman for one of them said recently that a budget-conscious customer has the right to choose and receive the kind of deal that will suit his pocket and small firms are in a position to offer this choice. In a free-market trade one is free to stick to whatever pricing he feels is right for him as well as the customer, he said. He further added that if the services offered by small operators were inferior then customers would not come to them and their business would close down.

Meanwhile, the price-war goes on fiercely. Whether they like it or not the big agencies are being compelled at the moment to comply with the market trend.

New gardens for different suburban areas

THE director of gardens and afforestation department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth Abdul Mosen Al Gallaif has said that the authority began carrying out the work of establishing several new public gardens in different areas. He added that the authority invited for tenders to maintain landscaping projects in gardens and motorways valued at KD2 million.

The maintenance contract is for a period of two years. He added that the authority held several meetings with Public Works Ministry to sort out the overlapping of functions between authority and ministry. According to these meetings all projects of landscaping were transferred to the authority which include landscaping at motorways, new gardens and Bayan Palace as well as West Fintas Centre.

He added that a number of agricultural projects being studied will be transferred to the authority like national parks, suburbs and projects to develop the present gardens as well as using treated sewage water in irrigating landscape and afforestation projects.

He pointed out that the authority has a project to develop the fountains in different places of the country. He added that the authority contracted with specialised local companies to carry out its different projects. The authority will carry out a project to develop the afforestation areas. It invited tenders to carry out automatic irrigation network in spring camps of Jahra, Umm Al Himan, Shadadiya, Ardhiya and Sulaibiya.

Pollution in Shuaiba area under control

THE director of Environment Protection Centre of the General Administration of Shuaiba Industrial Area, Saud Al Hamlan has said that the centre contains seven main laboratories and four secondary ones. They were provided with all required equipment. It also established automatic control networks for the air and water pollutants distributed within limits of Shuaiba Industrial Area, Mina Abdullah and the water areas close to these

areas, he said.

Hamlan pointed out that General Administration of Shuaiba Industrial Area is responsible for an industrial area that contains several factories which produce different wastes and pollutants that affect on the environment. The centre was established in 1968 to fight air and water pollution in the area. The centre co-operated with ministries of the state, relevant companies in the area and the international con-

sultation offices to take practical steps to protect the environment in the area such as determination of pollution in the air and water. It also carried out several projects to reduce the percentage of pollution in air and water that results from industries in the area, he said.

He added that studies showed that the percentage of air and water pollution have reduced to 25 per cent compared to their

levels 18 years ago. The centre made studies and researches that show the economic and environmental benefits of the projects that can reduce or put an end to the pollutants. Kuwait is working hard to prevent pollution and preserve the environmental balance by different methods including participating in regional and international agreements or by issuing charters and laws to fight environment pollution, he said.

Dubai bans ivory trade, but smuggling boom continues

DUBAI, June 23, (AP): Dubai, a bustling free port in the southern Gulf, has banned dealings in ivory and rhinoceros horn in a swelling global campaign to stamp out the trade that is decimating Africa's big game.

But with ivory smuggling big business, the ban may not have much impact. Dubai has been a major transit point for African tusks and horn bound for the Far East.

An official Dubai source, speaking on condition of anonymity, estimated that more than 100 metric tons of ivory, worth an estimated \$30 million, was smuggled into the United Arab Emirates in 1987 from the Central African state of Burundi, the collection point from poached tusks and horn.

The ivory was mainly re-exported to Hong Kong, where it is carved into

figurines, piano keys, signature seals, jewellery and other goods.

Impossible

The ivory trade is also booming in the nearby Emirate of Ajman.

Conservationists led by West German Norbert Grams, who lives in neighbouring Sharjah, believe that controlling the trade in Dubai is next to impossible because of the vast demand for re-export.

Grams, of Cologne, told Dubai's Gulf Weekly Magazine: "The ban will create an artificial market. The items will be in heavy demand and the prices will go up."

"This will only make the poacher try harder because the rewards will be that much greater."

Grams, like other conservationists, believes in the "systematic culling" —

killing of ailing and elderly elephants — practised by some African states.

That would provide a legal source for ivory. But it would be difficult to distinguish between legal and poached ivory.

Support

The United States, Japan, the 12-member European Economic Community and other countries have all banned raw ivory imports in recent months amid growing demands for a global trade ban to prevent the destruction of Africa's dwindling elephant herds by poachers. Hong Kong has imposed a moratorium.

"A total ban is not wholly useful if not supported by equally stringent follow-up action," said Grams.

"There's a crying need to educate the people. We need to know that closing the front door doesn't mean doing busi-

ness through the back door."

The ivory that reaches the Gulf from Burundi is smuggled out of the African state in sacks of rice, flour or sugar to Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, from where it is transported by sea to Dubai.

Some is trucked across the Saudi Arabian desert and over the poorly patrolled border into North Yemen.

There's little interest in ivory in most of the Arabian peninsula. But it's highly prized in North Yemen and used to make ornate handles for the traditional dagger known as the djambia.

Crackdown

Yemeni authorities banned tusk and horn imports in 1984, but smuggling continues.

The Dubai crackdown on tusk and rhino horn dealers stemmed from the

friendship between Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth of Britain and President of the World Wildlife Fund, and Dubai's ruling family and the zeal of two British journalists.

A partial ban was imposed last month after Philip wrote to Dubai's Crown Prince, Sheikh Maktoum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, urging him to take action against the dealers.

A couple of weeks later, David Jones and David Cairns of Britain's Today newspaper flew to Dubai to track down ivory traders. They broke into a building in Ajman where Chinese workers were handling ivory.

Embarrassing

The Britons were arrested and spent 10 hours in jail before they were taken to Humaid Bin Dray, Dubai's chief of protocol and the official implementing

the ban.

Although he has no jurisdiction over Ajman, he offered them 10,000 dirhams (\$2,750) if they could prove the trade still existed in Dubai.

They took him to the Belhoun Trading Co., a stone's throw from military headquarters and the police prison, where they found more than 200 tusks, bracelets, seals, stamps, jewellery and ornaments ready for export. These were impounded and the owner reportedly jailed.

The Gulf Weekly quoted Bin Dray as saying "It was terribly embarrassing. A few weeks ago we closed down four shops and I was certain that there wasn't any more. I was shocked," he said.

The ban on ivory trading was then officially announced.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

ASK not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country — John F. Kennedy, late US president.

OPINION

An important decision taken

MOROCCAN official agencies and departments have been directed to positively respond to all applications of foreign investors — whether they be Arabs or foreigners.

King Hassan of Morocco, acting according to his tradition when issues necessitate a decisive action, directed official departments to reply to the investors' applications within a period of two months. Failing to receive any reply, would be termed a positive response and the investor could immediately begin with the progress of his project.

This is indeed a "landmark" decision. Countries with great investment opportunities are usually hindered by government red tape. In most cases, applications by foreign investors reach a particular stage and then investors are kept in "limbo" — with not even a negative reply.

Investment opportunities in Morocco are diverse and several. Unfortunately, they are not utilised. With the lapse of time, such opportunities may lose their importance.

The Moroccan monarch appreciated this fact and knew exactly where the error lay. Morocco and many other Arab countries enjoy important and encouraging investment opportunities. These countries could well benefit by emulating the decision emanating from King Hassan of Morocco.

What is needed now from the King is to follow his decision and ensure that it is implemented fully by the officials. The coming stage is the stage of building prosperity in Morocco which will be true security that the King wants for his country in order to make Morocco the gate of Africa to Europe and the United States. Utilising Morocco's opportunities will eventually benefit the Moroccan people — whether such projects are carried out by themselves or by foreigners.

King Hassan's decision is truly a decision of determination and good judgement.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Human rights abuses rampant in Lebanon

Most of the world indifferent

By Alon Ben-Meir

HUMAN rights abuses in Lebanon should have angered the conscience of the Arab world a long time ago, but they have not. For 15 years, Lebanese have been killing one another and committing human rights violations that defy comprehension, and yet most of the world has remained indifferent. One hundred fifty thousand Lebanese, or 5 per cent of the population (equivalent to 15 million Americans), have been killed in the carnage committed by rival factions.

Syrian, which was mandated by the Arab League to restore order and peaceful co-existence between Christians and Muslims, has been occupying more than half of the country. The focus of the present conflagration is between Gen. Michel Aoun, the Christian interim leader who vowed not to cease fighting "until the last Syrian leaves Lebanese territory," and the Muslim militia, backed by Syrian forces, which is bombarding East Beirut and the Christian-controlled harbour.

The strife in Lebanon is directly related to the demographic imbalance between Muslims and Christians. What was once a relatively equitable political system in which Arabs and Christians shared power no longer exists. Lebanon's formal "National Pact" of 1943 allowed for adjustments in the formulas that fixed the relationships between political power and the country's demographic composition. After 1970-71, the influx of Palestinians from Jordan tipped the demographic balance in favour of the Muslims, but without correspondingly increasing their political power.

The Lebanese civil war, fought at the early stages (1975-76) between Arabs and Christians, has changed in character considerably. More than a dozen factions, such as the Progressive Socialist Party, a Druze militia, the South Lebanese Army, Hizbullah, and the Palestine Liberation Organization, compete for political power and territorial control. In addition there is the massive Syrian military presence of more than 30,000 men. Together they have created a political chaos in Lebanon.

Factions

Although all factions understand the need to find an equitable formula for peaceful existence, most efforts have been abortive. When "peaceful accords" are reached, they are fragile and remain in force just long enough to give the combatants a respite to regroup for the next fight.

The attempt to free Lebanon from an inequitable political system plunged it into a civil war that has destroyed a country once considered the jewel of the Middle East.

According to informed sources, the extent of human rights abuse is beyond belief. Amal, a mainly Shiite Muslim militia has committed more atrocities against Palestinians than any other faction.

The extent of torture and the summary executions of hundreds of people puts Amal at the top of the list of bloodthirsty Lebanese organizations operating by the law of the jungle.

Although Amal is known for its cruelty and ruthlessness, all groups are guilty of kidnappings and forced detentions. Many of those detained are summarily executed. Torture, in which extremely cruel methods are used to extract information, is common. Amnesty International reports that thousands of detainees "were often held for several months in detention centres... the whereabouts of many detainees were unknown... methods of torture repeatedly used by Amal included beatings on the back and shoulders and soles of the feet with sticks and gun butts. Sometimes, while the victim is suspended from a car tyre or winch, electric shocks or cigarette burns on sensitive parts of the body..."

There will be no end to human suffering and to grotesque human rights abuses until the principle of sharing power between the Christians and the Muslims is restored.

Although the Arab League can be helpful, the United States and especially the Soviet Union should bring pressure to bear on Syria to withdraw its forces. After 15 years of bloody civil war that has devastated the country, the contempt for and abuse of human rights in Lebanon must now test the commitment to work for peace on the part of both President Bush. Save the children of Lebanon from further outrageous abuses. It might also save the Middle East from another war that the continued bloodshed in Lebanon could eventually ignite.

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Dramatic clash of ideas expected in Madrid

Familiar script for EEC summit: Thatcher vs the rest

By Simon Alterman

THE script for this week's European Economic Community summit in Madrid is a familiar one — Margaret Thatcher against the rest.

The show has played before in a variety of forms, including melodrama and light entertainment. But on Monday and Tuesday, the stage will be set for a dramatic clash of ideas over whether the 12 EEC states are ready for real political and economic integration.

The two major summit issues — economic and monetary union and a charter of social rights of workers — touch nerves at the heart of the British prime minister's political beliefs.

And the wounds inflicted by voters in European Parliament elections last week could make Thatcher even fiercer in defence of the national sovereignty she cherishes.

"The conventional wisdom says that Thatcher has been weakened and that her weakness will make her more flexible. I think it may have the opposite effect," one EEC envoy said of her election defeat by the opposition Labour Party.

"The more isolated she is, the harder she becomes. I don't think an 11-1 strategy will work," another senior diplomat agreed.

Discuss

The summit will also discuss the major world trouble spots, including China, plans for an EEC environment agency and help for middle-income debtor countries, especially in Latin America.

But with the community at a critical point in its drive to tear down internal barriers and become a united economic superpower after 1992, the stakes on the two main issues could not be higher.

Most of Thatcher's partners, led by European Commission President Jacques Delors, argue that the real benefits of 1992 will not be felt unless Europe also moves towards a common currency managed by some sort of EEC central bank.

And, they say, the 1992 programme of deregulation and liberalisation must not simply create a capitalist jungle. Workers and ordinary citizens must feel that their interests — not just those of big business — will be looked after.

West Germany and France, the EEC founders, members who regard themselves as the true engineers of European unity, stepped up the pressure on Britain this week with a joint call for a decisive political impulse in Madrid toward economic and monetary union.

And the summit host, Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, said after "frank" talks with Thatcher in London:

"I don't think anybody should work in the community trying to exclude one particular country but

I also don't believe anyone country should have a right of veto."

Gonzalez twisted the knife last Friday by taking the Spanish peseta into the mechanism of the European Monetary System (EMS) which holds EEC currencies within fixed bands. That left sterling as the only major currency outside the system.

"The EMS move was a very bold one. It was quite uncalculated before the summit, so it was above all a political gesture," one EEC diplomat said.

The leaders will be debating a report by a committee of central bankers and outside experts chaired by Delors, which they commissioned a year ago in Hanover, laying out a three-stage process towards full economic and monetary union.

Britain has said it is prepared to embark on stage one — closer co-ordination of policy-making with no binding commitments — but that stages two and three would involve a politically unacceptable loss of sovereignty over economic policy.

But many others — and the Delors report itself — say the process is indivisible. France and West Germany said the report should be adopted "in its totality" in Madrid.

The social policy debate will be just as difficult, especially since none of the Socialist and Christian Democrat leaders share Thatcher's deep-rooted ideological aversion to statutory rights for workers.

Reduce

In 10 years of radical right-wing government, she has systematically reduced the power of trade unions in Britain, cut back the role of the state, freed business from regulation and encouraged individuals to create and enjoy wealth.

For her, all that is threatened by "back-door socialism" from Brussels.

Diplomats said that having beaten off the electoral challenge from the left in the European Parliament, Gonzalez might be prepared to settle for a less strongly-worded statement on social policy at the summit.

"It's basically for internal consumption everywhere. Felipe might prefer a decaffeinated statement by the 12 rather than a stronger one by 11," diplomat said.

But the importance of the issues and the peculiar chemistry of EEC summits — 12 leaders in one room with just their foreign ministers and one official for support — make many wary of predicting the summit outcome.

"It would be naive to think that in Madrid problems which are so fundamental can be solved," one diplomat said.

"European councils (summits) are unpredictable. It only needs the atmosphere to be bad and you a coup d'etat," an EEC ambassador added. (Reuter — Brussels).

Unwelcome diversion from foreign policy, glasnost

Ethnic unrest: a growing headache for Gorbachev

By Peter Conrad

ETHNIC unrest is emerging as one of the most intractable problems facing president Mikhail Gorbachev as he struggles to reform the Soviet Union.

At least 200 people have been killed and more than 2,000 injured over the last 18 months in nationalist violence in the three Caucasian republics of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia and Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan in Soviet Central Asia.

"These outbreaks are becoming almost a fact of life these days," said a Western diplomat on Tuesday as details began to emerge of clashes in the Kazakh city of Novy Uzen in which at least three people have died over the last few days.

"Last week it was Uzbekistan, this week Kazakhstan who knows where it will be next."

The diplomat explained: "It is a mixture of demands for political freedom prompted by glasnost, economic

problems and a decline of ideology among young people."

For Gorbachev, the emergence, one after the other, of nationalist problems presents an unwelcome diversion from his main tasks of revolutionising Soviet foreign policy and dragging the country's floundering economy out of depression.

And the problem is compounded by the growth of nationalist demands in the Baltic republics, in Moldavia, Byelorussia and the Ukraine, where tens or even hundreds of thousands have taken to the streets in largely peaceful protests.

Causes

The underlying causes of the unrest have varied, although they have been linked by a common thread of growing economic crisis across the Soviet Union which amplifies tensions between the republics' ethnically and religiously mixed populations.

The new more liberal atmosphere which has gradually emerged since Gor-

bachev took over in March 1985 has also given people a new freedom to go out on the streets and make their demands.

But force appears to have remained the preferred means of dealing with almost all manifestations of unrest since Gorbachev faced his first outbreak of nationalist violence in the Kazakh capital of Alma Ata in December 1986.

And, as speakers from various of the 15 Soviet republics made clear at the inaugural session of the parliament, the congress of people's deputies, which ended this month, the problems have remained almost entirely unresolved.

For Gorbachev, continuing outbreaks of unrest present an unwelcome diversion from what he sees as his main tasks of revolutionising the Soviet Union's foreign policy and dragging the country's floundering economy out of depression.

A potent mixture of religious and ethnic differences and economic problems appeared to be behind unrest in the last

18 months over the underdeveloped mountainous enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh.

More than 90 people were killed last year and several hundred injured in clashes sparked by demands by the Armenian majority of the region for it to be transferred from Azerbaijan to Armenia.

In characteristic manner, troops and tanks were sent both into Nagorno-Karabakh itself and to the capitals of both republics, ensuring that there has been no repetition in the last few months of last year's violence.

However, an attempt to find a compromise solution which would give the region more autonomy without changing borders has clearly failed to satisfy demands of the Karabakh Armenians, who began a new campaign of strikes last month.

Force was also applied, but this time with tragic consequences, in neighbouring Georgia where nationalist groups staged a series of round-the-clock

demonstrations in April to press demands for more autonomy or even independence.

Early in the morning of April 9, troops armed with sharpened shovels and poisonous gas moved in to clear a square in the centre of the capital, Tbilisi, where some 8,000 were gathered, and killed 20 people, 16 of them women.

In contrast, troops apparently helped keep down the death toll in Uzbekistan's Fergana Valley, where almost 10 people were officially reported dead and some 1,500 injured this month when Uzbeks hunted down minority Meskhetian Turks.

Yet even here, the authorities' hands were not entirely clean. Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, who went to Fergana last week to try and soothe passions, accused local officials of active involvement in stirring up the unrest, the worst single outbreak in decades of Soviet history. (Reuter — Moscow).

They can run ... but they cannot hide

Chinese students live in fear

By Terri Jones

SHE studies every day, looks forward to classes next fall and is not on the nation-wide wanted list, but this college student in Beijing lives in constant fear that police may come looking for her, too.

"I have nightmares every night," she says, her features tensing. "In these dreams, they always come to arrest me."

She was not a main organiser of the student-led democracy protests that ended in a bloody onslaught by Chinese soldiers earlier this month.

She is not in hiding, and she is not trying to perpetuate the movement for democratic reforms, a free press and end to corruption. She is only 20 years old.

However, she was deeply involved with the democracy movement since it began in mid-April, reading speeches over her school's loudspeaker system, spending considerable time with student protesters on Beijing's Tiananmen Square and handing out leaflets.

She also took part in the hunger strike that focussed world attention on the few thousand youths at Tiananmen, which grew at times to one million supporters of democracy.

For these reasons she asked that neither she nor her school be named, though she agreed to speak privately with a reporter in a secluded location. She said she wanted to talk about what she had seen and experienced, events that the government has spent the last weeks trying vigorously to portray as never having happened.

"I saw where two people had been run over by a tank. The bodies gone, but some of their insides were still there," recalled the student, an underclasswoman at a prominent university in the Chinese capital.

Near Tiananmen Square on the night of June 3, when the Army moved in armed with tanks, armoured vehicles and automatic weapons fire, the young woman was filmed by soldiers armed with video cameras instead of carbines.

Wounded

"I saw many, many people wounded and taken away on flatbed tricycles," she said. "When they shot at us, we just dove for the ground. I'd only seen that in movies before."

She is worried also because she has been interviewed on American and European television. After the crackdown, Chinese



A dissident Chinese student.

television showed footage of a tape confiscated from an American television network, showing a man who he said saw thousands killed at Tiananmen, a charge the government vehemently denies.

Chinese television labelled him a "rumour-monger," and within hours he had been captured and was shown recanting his account.

The young student noted that many have compared the current crisis to the dreaded 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, a tumultuous decade of communist revolutionary turmoil inspired by party chairman Mao Tse-tung. During that period, workers, soldiers and students took the law into their own hands and central authority collapsed.

"In the Cultural Revolution, Mao Tse-tung pitted the people against themselves," she said. "Current senior leader" Deng Xiaoping cannot do that today. The people are united against dictatorship and corruption."

Her father, an intellectual, recently talked with her about the terrors of the Cultural Revolution.

"He didn't want to tell me for several years because he wanted me to stay pure," she said. "But now he has to tell me because he thinks it is very dangerous for me with my character

because I show my anger and show what I think."

Her father told her how many of his friends were arrested because of only one or two sentences in their diaries or letters that were perceived as counter-revolutionary.

"My father told me not to write a diary," she says wistfully. "If the police find it, I'll be arrested."

Her diary bears no entries this month for June 3-6.

"I was too shocked to write anything. Now I write that I'm suspicious of the party and socialism. I used to think socialism was the only correct way because we were taught so. We were taught that the party belongs to the people. But now I'm suspicious of socialism. I'm anti-party."

Despite her outspokenness, she says she is not trying to escape authorities.

"You can't hide. If you go to the provinces and they want to find you, they will. My father wanted me to go to my aunt's home in a northeastern province, but I wouldn't go. My father has calmed down, he just wants me to shut my mouth and stop writing," she said.

She acknowledges that the democracy movement is snuffed out and may not return for years.

"A friend thinks it will be one or two years after Deng's death, but I think things will stay the same after that," she said. "There are other old people in the Central Committee."

She referred to the influential octogenarian revolutionaries in the Communist Party leadership, whom Deng is believed to have lined up behind his hardline policy of tough action against dissent.

"The Chinese government is too powerful," the student said. "They use the Army and guns."

Last week she and other students put on funeral clothes, white shirts with black arm-bands, to mourn their fallen classmates. "But a student told us it was very dangerous to wear that, that some people had been arrested for it. He said: 'Let's keep our sorrow in our hearts,'" she said.

"It's very tiring to be Chinese, to try to protect yourself, to hide your feelings, hide your thoughts," she sighed. "I can't bear the atmosphere. You must be careful about everything. It's frightening." (Beijing — AP)

EEC stalling Turkish entry

By Sam Cohen

TURKEY faces giant obstacles to joining the European Community — and potentially major repercussions if it fails. The EEC is now grappling with the negative implications that either accepting or rejecting Turkey will entail.

An EEC Commission report evaluating Turkey's application is due at year's end. If subsequent discussions were favourable, three to four years of negotiation would begin. In case of agreement, at least five more years would pass before Turkey had full membership status.

"We know that it took some other members years to join the community and we are prepared to wait. But for us the important thing now is to ensure that the commission gives the green light signal," a senior Turkish government official says.

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal has made EEC membership a major policy objective. Opposition parties — except the pro-fundamentalist Welfare Party — support it.

One reason for the broad support is that many Turks identify themselves as Europeans. Moreover, Turkey is a member of NATO, the Council of Europe, and the European Organizations. Another reason is economic: Turkey's main trade is with the EEC countries. Ozal officially expresses optimism about entering the EEC. But he is also aware of the difficulties.

Many Europeans are reluctant to admit Turkey as the club's thirteenth member because of what it might mean for EEC integration in 1992.

West Germany fears a mass influx of workers from Turkey. Members with agricultural potential fear that Turkish exports could threaten their own.

And Greece, Turkey's rival, is already in the EEC. Greece, in an apparent attempt to pressure Turkey over the Cyprus dispute, has openly objected to Ankara's application. Turkish troops have occupied part of the Mediterranean island nation since 1974.

EEC membership applications require unanimous approval. "All kinds of pretexts are being advanced by those who really do not want Turkey in the community," a government official says. "None of these arguments are serious or valid."

Some officials say privately that Europeans view Turkey as Muslim, and thus alien. "Sometimes we notice that people want to keep the EEC as a Christian club," a Turkish intellectual noted.

Turkish officials fear that rejection might spark an identity crisis, with these possible consequences:

- The government will be embarrassed. Turks will see Europe as hostile.
- Many Turks will think about "appropriate reaction." Although the Western alliance would be seriously considered.
- There will be pressures from pro-Islamic circles to seek alternative political and economic alignments, namely a shift to the Islamic world.
- The Welfare Party wants Turkey to lead in forming an "Islamic common market."

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Bid to stop undercutting

Banks to fix service charges

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

IN a rare joint action orchestrated by the Central Bank Kuwaiti commercial banks recently got together to fix common banking service charges in a bid to stop undercutting.

"From now on banking charges will be fixed," chairman of Burgan Bank Sheikh Ahmed Al Sabah told the Arab Times. He declined to give any details of the new charges.

Banking sources said that the Kuwaiti Banks Committee issued a booklet entitled commission, postage and other charges specifying the rates. After the booklet was circulated among the banks some loopholes were discovered and the committee is now amending it.

The committee will levy charges against banks that violate the agreement, sources said. But there will be little public scrutiny of the adherence to the new tariffs as the

booklet is strictly for banks' use and charges are fixed between the client and the bank.

Joint action is not a common occurrence among Kuwaiti banks which compete fiercely in a market that many analysts consider overbanked.

The first time the banks met for discussions was when they were forced to deal with the bad debt following the Souk Al Manakh stock market collapse. But the traditional stand-off may be coming to a close largely due to insistence from the Central Bank.

Sheikh Ahmed, one of the staunchest proponents of the close co-operation among the banks, said an agreement to install common automatic teller machines to serve all six banks was reached earlier this year. Although primarily a cost-saving measure, the move is significant as one of the first steps towards better co-operation among the banks, he added.

There will be more discussions among the banks if plans, currently under consideration, to free the assets of debtors who subscribe to the debt settlement scheme, are approved. Banks should work closely together to find a way of running these assets and to make sure they do not fall back into the hands of the debtors.

"If they do, the banks will end up with nothing," he said.

While the banks move towards joint action on the local market they appear unwilling to act in unison on the international market place.

Sheikh Ahmed insists that Kuwaiti banks ought to combine efforts to establish a unified presence in the world's leading financial centres instead of their expensive individual forays there.

According to his calculation maintaining a branch in London costs £600,000 per year, a prohibitive amount for Burgan Bank.

"Kuwaiti banks should jointly open

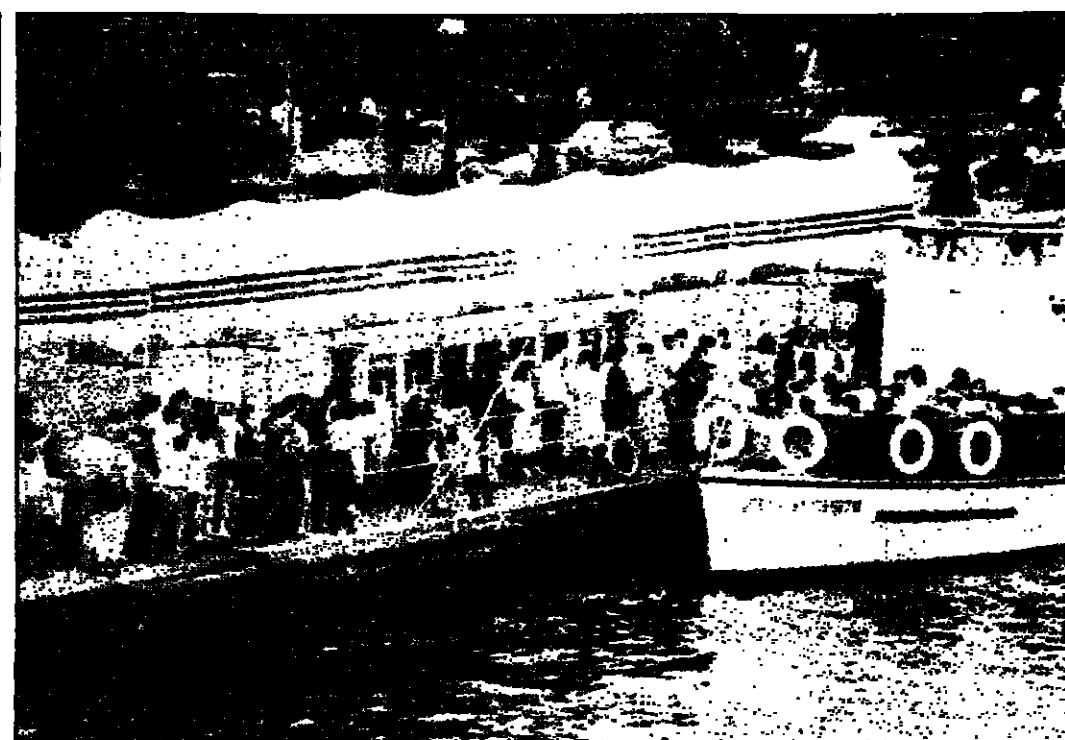
branches or take over a bank in places such as London and New York," he said. Such calls are falling on deaf ears. All Kuwaiti commercial banks except Burgan Bank have a direct overseas representation.

The lack of enthusiasm for a unified front on the international marketplace is partly due to the banks' experience with the United Bank of Kuwait, the result of 1970s calls for joint presence in London.

The British-licensed UBK was set up by 13 Kuwaiti finance institutions including the state's six commercial banks. But "after consummating the marriage with Kuwait's investment houses the banks decided they did not like it," said one analyst.

As a result the commercial banks have been competing with UBK both on the domestic market and in Britain, taking business away from it with a vengeance.

"The banks are in fact competing with their own selves" said one banker.



Strike hits commuters

People wait for the river boat that carries commuters up and down the River Thames in London. People were forced to find other methods of transport into work as neither buses, trains nor the underground were functioning due to industrial action. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dealers seek direction

Dollar drifts lower

LONDON, June 23, (Reuter): The dollar drifted lower today with dealers confused about its direction after a surge in recent weeks which took it to 2-1/2 year highs.

It fell after news that US durable goods orders — considered a leading indicator of the health of manufacturing industries — dropped by an unexpectedly sharp 4.2 per cent in May, the largest monthly drop since July last year.

The report by the US Commerce Department seemed to signal that the US economy is slowing down, and it took the dollar with it.

Other figures, showing that personal income and expenditure both rose in the United States last month by 0.3 per cent, had little effect.

"The dollar is looking sickly,

but there is no real trend in the market at the moment," said one trader in Frankfurt, where the US currency continued its zigzag course.

It has risen this year to highs of 2.030 marks and 149.20 yen a week ago because of unrelenting demand for investment and the lure of relatively high US interest rates.

But it has since tumbled because of fears that major industrial nations may take decisive action to knock it down.

In Frankfurt, the dollar closed at 1.9445 marks, nearly two pence below its opening level but just below yesterday's close.

"If the dollar goes below 1.9380 marks there will probably be a flood of sell orders, but the movements are too erratic to say what will happen," said a trader

with a US bank. Stock markets around the world ended the week quietly and the Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares ended 12.5 points down at 2,167.5.

But Wall Street stocks rose sharply on hopes that credit policy might be loosened following the durable goods news.

At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was 25.42 points up at 2,507.40 in moderate trading.

Gold rose slightly to close at \$371.25 an ounce, up \$0.75 on the day.

Oil prices continued to climb. The international market crude, North Sea Brent blend, was quoted at around \$17.33 a barrel for August loading, compared with \$16.85 a day earlier.

Fed governor resigns

Low pay

WASHINGTON, June 23, (Reuter): One of the seven governors of the US Central Bank said on Wednesday he was resigning at the end of July, citing Congress's decision earlier this year to reject a pay increase for top government officials.

Robert Heller said he started entertaining job offers after Congress in February voted down a 51 per cent pay increase for judges, senior federal employees, and congressmen. The raise would have taken Heller's annual salary from the current \$82,500 up to about \$125,000.

The departure of the German-born Heller will give President George Bush his first opportunity to appoint a member to the Federal Reserve Board.

Heller, a member of the Fed board for almost three years, specialised in international issues at the

Fed, and regularly attended the monthly meeting in Basel, Switzerland, of the Bank for International Settlements.

Heller's term would have expired on January 31, 1996.

He said he took a big pay cut when he joined the Fed in 1986 from Bank of America, where he was chief international economist, and found it increasingly tough to get by on his Fed governor's salary.

The Fed influences the economy by controlling the supply of credit, raising or lowering the key discount rate. Comments from Fed governors can influence the rise and fall of currency and move financial and stock markets.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 23, (Reuter): The Australian share market closed slightly easier in late afternoon trade amid negative sentiment over high interest rates. The All

Ordinaries fell 2.9 to 1,510.5.

TOKYO: Index-linked buying by investment trust funds propelled share prices to close broadly higher in moderate trade. The Nikkei gained 205.74 to 33,530.71.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed lower in thin trade after early gains. The Hang Seng index fell

12.82 points 2,219 amid uncertainty about events in China and about the property market.

BOMBAY: Share prices met with resistance at higher levels to closed mixed after the market opened bullish for the third day in a row. Associated Cement fell 4.5 rupees to 320.5 and Gujarat Fertiliser 1.25 to 158.75.

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Energy File

Investors to build oil refinery in Djibouti

PARIS, June 23, (Reuter): Saudi Arabian investors are building a crude oil refinery in the Red Sea state of Djibouti for the export of petroleum products, Djibouti's Foreign Minister Moumin Bahdon Farah said yesterday.

Djibouti, which has no oil of its own, would get crude supplies for the 100,000 barrels-per-day refinery from oil producers in the region, mainly North Yemen, Farah told Reuters.

He said his government had signed an agreement for the refinery, estimated to cost \$800 million and due for completion in three years.

The minister did not give details of the Saudis involved but said the Djibouti government was not a partner.

"There is very little demand for petroleum products in our country but we expect to re-export the finished products in the region," he said.

The former French colony, strategically placed at the mouth of the Red Sea, aims to build up its warehouse role in the area and has expanded and modernised its port with Italian aid.

Farah, who accompanied President Hassan Gouled on an official visit to France, said tension and civil wars in the region were undermining such efforts.

"Our President has played a very active role in reconciling Ethiopia and Somalia, but there is nothing we can do about their internal conflicts, which are also affecting us," he said.

Djibouti is wedged between the two Horn of Africa neighbours who went to war in 1977-78 over the Ogaden desert and are each battling rebel guerrillas opposed to their governments.

Output share

KUALA LUMPUR, June 23, (OPECNA): OPEC's share of world oil production is set to recover within the next decade, a top Malaysian government official has predicted here.

Leo Moggie, minister of energy, telecommunications and posts, urged the association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to give top priority to petroleum development activities in its six member countries.

In an opening address to an ASEAN energy co-operation meeting, he said that dependence on oil from the Middle East would "inevitably increase again in the not-so-distant future."

Oil flow

LONDON, June 23, (Reuter): Corroded pipework has forced the closure of two oil platforms in Britain's sector of the North Sea, halting the flow of about 83,000 barrels per day of crude, Chevron Petroleum (UK) Ltd said yesterday.

The shutdown was the latest blow to British output. The North Sea oil industry is still reeling from a series of accidents over the past 12 months which had reduced production to a nine-year low during May.

Long-term strategy

CARACAS, June 23, (OPECNA): Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez received Wednesday representatives of several OPEC countries attending the Group 77 conference here.

Briefing the press, Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Mines Dr Celestino Armas, who attended the meeting, said that the OPEC delegates exchanged views with the President on the economic prospects of their countries.

Norway extends oil production curbs

Move to help OPEC keep prices high

OSLO, June 23, (Reuter): Norway, anxious to maximise its oil revenue, is to extend production curbs to help OPEC keep prices high.

The Oil Ministry said today the cabinet had approved extending a 7.5 per cent cut in planned production to the end of this year. The cut was first introduced in February 1987 and has been renewed every six months.

The decision was taken "to contribute to stabilising oil prices at a reasonably high level," a ministry statement said.

But spokesman Egil Helle said the action could be dropped if Oslo found that OPEC was boosting its oil production. Norway, Western Europe's biggest oil producer after Britain, is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"If oil prices slide this autumn and this is due to increased OPEC production, we still have the possibility to revise our policy," Helle said.

The move was expected as Oil Minister Arne Oeien had earlier said he was satisfied with OPEC's latest output agreement for the second half of 1988 and he saw no reason why Norway would not extend its production curbs.

"(But) the government will keep a close eye on developments in the oil market and OPEC's adherence to its own agreements," the statement said.

Oslo's extension of the curbs

will not affect a further increase in production from Norway's North Sea oilfields in the years to come — an increase the government says was planned long ago. In May Norway pumped 1.54 million barrels per day.

Oil analysts have said that Norway's support of OPEC has little physical effect on the market, but that its psychological impact has been important.

Meanwhile, energy giant BP thinks world oil demand is now rising so fast that jittery consumer governments may act to protect themselves against a resurgent OPEC organisation. Concern for energy security, plus pollution worries, promise "a shift in the fuel mix" favouring natural gas, said John Browne, a top executive of British Petroleum Co. PLC.

Gas is the cleanest fossil fuel and is outside control of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Browne, head of BP exploration, was commenting on BP figures showing world energy demand rose 3.7 per cent in 1988 compared with 2.8 per cent in 1987.

The figures were contained in the annual BP statistical review, a major event in the oil industry calendar.

It said weak oil prices and robust economic expansion were behind an overall rise in world

consumption which was most rapid in Asia, although US demand and oil imports were also higher.

Browne drew attention to other figures showing that 59 per cent of remaining world oil reserves, currently enough for 43 years, belonged to OPEC.

"Governments will be looking for security of supply," he said. "There is also clearly a concern about the environment spreading from the United States into Europe and the Third World."

"I believe these two factors together will contribute to a shift in the fuel mix and the beneficiary will be gas." Trade in liquefied natural gas (LNG) was just beginning to be significant, he said, adding that BP was fortunate in that it had substantial gas reserves.

BP said OPEC oil output at 21.1 million barrels per day in 1988 was the highest since 1981 and its share of total production in the non-communist world rose to 45 per cent from a 1985 low of 40 per cent.

BP also found that for the first time in many years primary energy consumption in the 24 industrial nations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development grew in line with gross national product.

A "decoupling" of the two had occurred in response to high oil prices in the 1970s which promoted measures to conserve energy.

Government flexes its muscles

Lanka serves ultimatum on strikers

COLOMBO, June 23, (Reuter): The Sri Lankan government, armed with sweeping powers under emergency rule, began flexing its muscles yesterday serving an ultimatum on striking bus workers to report for work on Monday or lose their jobs.

Fifty thousand employees of the state-run transport board have been on strike since June 12 paralysing commuters in Colombo and virtually halting inter-provincial travel.

In a statement, the Transport Ministry told bus workers to report for work on Monday, saying they would cease to be employees of the transport board if they did not.

The transport strike, which closed many schools and colleges and brought down attendance in offices, was a major provocation for the government to impose a state of emergency on Tuesday.

The government believes Sinhalese militants of the People's Liberation Front are behind the strike, which looked like spreading to other sectors.

The emergency rules, lifted last January after more than five years, give the military powers to detain people without trial.

Diplomatic sources said they expected the government to get tough.

"I am sure we will see some action in a day or two," said one Western diplomat. "The emergency is a formal warning, a signal that force will be applied."

Yesterday, the government operated some of the buses in Colombo with the help of Army drivers.

The Liberation Front, which has spurned government offers to talk peace, has increasingly made its presence felt in Colombo and has a firm grip over southern Sri Lanka, its major stronghold where its supporters include Buddhist monks.

It is opposed to the presence of Indian troops fighting a separatist rebellion by the country's minority Tamils in the northeast.

In Colombo, it has fanned anti-Indian sentiment and called for the boycott of Indian goods.

The presence of Indian troops has become an emotive issue in Sri Lanka with wide support for President Ranasinghe Premadasa's call for withdrawal before the end of next month.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has said a full withdrawal would have to be worked out jointly by the two sides, effectively rejecting the idea of a pullout by the end of July.

A Foreign Office spokesman in New Delhi said yesterday Rajiv had written to Premadasa that a full withdrawal had to be worked out bilaterally, not unilaterally.

Premadasa's government has opened talks with the Tamil Tigers, the most powerful guerrilla group in the north, in the hope of bringing peace to Tamil-dominated areas of the island.

It received a jolt yesterday when another Tamil group, the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students, announced it was going back to the jungles to fight for liberation.

Wall Street Journal turns 100

NEW YORK, June 23, (AP): The Wall Street Journal threw itself a gala 100th birthday party last night, filling the glass atrium outside its glibby headquarters with 600 luminaries.

President George Bush and his wife Barbara were there. So were top executives of the biggest American corporations, media personalities and other leading lights of the US business world.

"The columns of the Wall Street Journal are as familiar as coffee at our morning breakfast tables," Bush told the black-tie crowd that filled the sprawling water garden atrium at Lower Manhattan's world financial centre.

The entertainment agenda ranged from jazz great Lionel Hampton to rocker Chuck Berry and Blues singer Buster Poindexter. The guests also included 52 journal readers

— one randomly selected from each American state and a reader each from European and Asia, representing the paper's European and Asian editions.

The Wall Street Journal, the nation's first national newspaper and a fixture in corporate America, began life 100 years ago as a two-cent broadsheet hand-delivered in Lower Manhattan's business district to a few hundred readers.

As it celebrated its centennial with a special edition today, the journal could boast a readership of two million, making it the largest US newspaper, and a reputation as the daily diary of capitalism.

But even as the paper has grown and adjusted to the modern world — adding graphics and extra feature sections — its virtual monopoly on financial news has been eroded in

recent years.

A series of birthday bashes held this week cannot obscure the challenges the paper faces as it heads into its second century. Circulation has slipped, advertising revenue is down and new competition has emerged for both readers and ad dollars.

"It still is by far the strongest and most profitable newspaper franchise in the country," said John Morton, a media industry analyst with Lynch, Jones and Ryan financial firm in Washington. "But it's not as strong and not as profitable as it used to be."

In the last few years, the New York Times launched a national edition, USA Today had its nationwide rollout and most metropolitan newspapers beefed up their business coverage, as did the Broadcast Networks and Cable Television.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1989

LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ADT LTD	183.0
ALD LYONS	445/0
AMSTRAD	85/0
ARGYLE GP	213/0
ASDA GP	182.0
A B FOODS	373.0
BAA	333/0
BAT	385.0
BAT INDS	641.0
BARCLAYS	457.0
BASS	012.0
BEAZER	92.25
BEECHAM	622/0
BERTSFORD	158.0
BICC PLC	505/0
BLUE ARMY	99/0
BLUE CIRC	484/0
BOC GP	484/0
BOOTS CO	295/0
BPP INDS	238/0
BR CONN	165.0
BR AIRWAY	204/0
BR AEROSP	675/0
BR GAS RG	188/0
BR LAND	360/0
B.P.	292/0
BR STEEL	77/0
BR TELCOM	261/0
BRUNZ	130/0
BURMAN OL	598/0
BURTON	216/0
CABLE&AIR	499.0
CADBURYS	370/0
CALOR GP	389/0
CRITN GP	847.0
COATS VIT	159.0
COOKSON	331/0
COURTAULD	358/0
DALGETT	366.0
DIXONS	142.0
ENG CHINA	490/0
ENTER OIL	557/0
FBI BARCK	167.0
FERRANTI	83/0
FISONS	289.0
GATEWAY	236.5
GEN ACCIO	945/0
GEN ELEC	243.0
GLAXO	387/0
GRANADA	332/0
GLOBE	179.5
GLYNED	289.5
GUARD RYL	197/0
GUINNESS	409.0
HAWKINS A	512/0
HANSON	215/0
HARISON C	168.0
HAKER STD	730.0
HILLSDOWN	271/0

LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	936/0	939/0
600 GROUP	138/0	138/0
A.AMER TS	454/0	458/0
A.B.ELECT	375/0	375/0
A.S.W.HLD	269/0	269/0
AAB KENT	121/0	121/0
AAH HLD	390/0	389/0
AARONSON	100/0	100/0
ADDISON	43.0	42.0
ADVEST	185/0	185/0
ALEX WARK	202/0	201/0
ALEXON	384/0	383/0
ALCO COLL	154/0	155/0
ALDO IR B	154/0	154/0
ALDO LBN	147/0	146/0
ALDO PART	70/0	70/0
ALDO TEXT	380/0	380/0
ALLIANCE	060/0	061/0
ANDER DAY	57/0	57/0
AMEC	468/0	468/0
AMER TST	157/0	158/0
AMERSHAM	461/0	459/0
AM HLTNC	381/0	381/0
ANGLIA SC	215/0	217/0
ANGLIA TV	259/0	261/0
ANSBACHER	76/0	76/0
APPLEYARD	167/0	168/0
APV PLC	147/0	147/0
ASHLEY-LA	104/0	103/0
ATWOODS	515/0	515/0
AUST REED	390/0	395/0
AUTO SECS	305/0	305/0
AYESCO	148/0	148/0
AVIS EUR	419/0	418/0
AVON RUBB	591/0	588/0
B.WEINILL	258/0	258/0
BAILL JAP	510/0	513/0
BAILL SHI	90/0	90/0
BALFOUR (J)	240/0	240/0
BANK INF	293/0	293/0
BANKER IT	91/4	92/0
BARDON GP	202/0	201/0
BARRY DEV	188/0	187/0
BAYNES C	33/0	34/0
BBA GROUP	195/0	195/0
BEAR BRND	12/4	12/6
BEATTIE J	147/0	148/0
BEHAVEN	51/0	52/0
BELLWAY	232/0	233/0
BENROSE	239/0	238/0
BENLOX HD	59/0	59/0
BENKELEY	199/0	199/0
BH GROUP	132/4	132/0
BK OF SCO	92/0	92/0
BLK LE 2	9/6	9/4
BM GROUP	458/0	448/0
BNNETT + F	85/0	86/0
BOASE MAS	365/0	365/0
BODDINGTON	167/0	166/0
BODY SHOP	708/0	705/0

LONDON (Gamma Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
BOOTH KHR	495/0	493/0
BORTHWICK	39/0	40/0
BR ARROW	111/0	111/0
BRIKSON	264/0	265/0
BR ASSETS	79/0	79/0
BR DREDGT	170/0	169/0
BR VITA	275/0	274/0
BRENT CHE	147/0	146/0
BRENT WKR	368/0	368/0
BRIDON	207/0	208/0
BRITAIN SE	167/0	168/0
BRITANNIC	436/0	437/0
BRIXTON E	392/0	393/0
BRN & JAC	46/0	46/0
BROWN SHI	349/0	347/0
BRYANT GP	100/0	100/0
BSS INTL	72/4	73/0
BUDGENS	117/0	116/0
BULLOUGH	196/0	197/0
BULMER HP	170/0	168/0
CAIRO GRP	565/0	565/0
CALEDONIA	362/0	360/0
CAMP ELEC	204/0	203/0
CAMPFORD	307/0	308/0
CANNING W	272/0	272/0
CANNON ST	208/0	208/0
CAP.RADIO	797/0	798/0
CARDON	333/0	334/0
CARLCO EN	150/0	150/0
CATTLE HD	71/0	71/0
CAUDRON	13/4	13/4
CEMTL ITV	776/0	780/0
CEMUR	214/0	213/0
CHARTERHA	21/6	21/4
CHORLITE	37/0	38/0
CHRISTIES	288/0	288/0
CI GROUP	52/0	52/0
CLAYFORD	302/0	299/0
CLINT SEC	60/0	60/0
CNTRY OIL	160/0	160/0
COALITE	449.0	448.0
COATES BR	284/0	282/0
COLOROLL	157/0	157/0
CONNELLS	223/0	220/0
COOPER F	138/0	138/0
COSTAIN	329/0	329/0
COURTS FR	190/0	188/0
COVIE (T)	145/0	146/0
CRH	191/0	191/0
CRODA INT	194/0	195/0
CRYSTALAT	123/0	123/0
CTRY PROK	217/0	217/0
DABES EST	31/4	31/2
DAVIS GDD	161/0	161/0
DAVY CORP	250/0	251/0
DAVSON GP	142/0	145/0
DELTA GRP	325/4	326/0
DEVENISH	314/0	315/0
DEMIRST	41/4	42/0
DIPLOMA	228/0	227/0
DONSON PK	100/4	100/0
DONPAS GR	359/0	360/0
DOWDINGR	82/0	82/0
DOUGTY GR	286/0	286/0
DRAYTON FE	408/0	411/0
DRAYTON C	542/0	543/0
DRG	497/0	498/0
DUKENISTR	74/0	74/0
DUNDEE LD	323/0	323/0
DUNHILL	319/0	318/0
EAGLE TST	17/4	18/0
EDIN I.T	192/4	193/0
EDMOND HD	41/4	42/0
ELECTRA	290/0	291/0
ELECTROCN	202/0	202/0
ENAP	239/0	240/0
ENES	138/0	138/0
ENPTE ST	301/0	301/0
ENG. INTL	180/0	181/0
ETAM	182/0	183/0
EURO.HOME	305/0	305/0
EUTHERN	181/0	180/0
EUTRNL UT	85/0	82/4
EVODE GRP	180/0	180/0
EX.CO.LOU	241/0	242/0
EXPANET	223/0	224/0
F&C ENTER	33/0	33/0
F&C EURO	303/0	304/0
F&C PACIF	176/0	178/0
F&C SHLR	85/0	85/0
FARNELL E	167/0	167/0
FED.HOUSH	188/0	188/0
FENNER JH	176/0	176/0
FERGUSON	240/0	241/0
FINE ARTS	245/0	245/0
FINLAN GP	82/0	82/0
FLNG OSEA	192/0	192/4
FLNG TECH	193/0	194/0
FRIDLY HD	284/0	283/0
FRONCRO	522/0	522/0
GALLIFORD	95/0	96/0
GARDNER	56/0	56/0
GEEST	269/0	270/0
GET INTL	140/0	140/0
GERDORAT	225/0	225/0
GESTETNER	274/0	274/0
GOODE DUR	128/0	127/0
GPG	40/0	40/0
GRANPH HD	224/0	224/0
GREEN KIG	529/0	527/0
GREENLL W	299/0	300/0
GREYCOAT	486/0	488/0
GRUP TV	69/0	68/0
GT PRITLD	385/0	386/0
GUS ORD	600/0	600/0
GVT ORIE	369/0	370/0
GVT STRA	261/0	261/0
HLND DIS	215/0	215/0
HALMA	226/0	225/0
HAWKSON	830/0	835/0
HAYTHL LE	73/0	73/4
HAYWOOD	247/0	248/0
HEATHCOTE	468/0	467/0
HELENE PL	34/4	33/4
HELICAL B	329/0	328/0

LONDON (Delta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
HEPORTH	276/0	275/0
HESTAIR	237/0	237/0
HEYWOOD W	276/0	276/0
HICKSON	264/0	265/0
HIGGS HIL	344/0	343/0
HUTLAND T	204/0	204/0
HUTLAND T	204/0	204/0
SAGA GRP	208/0	208/0
SALE TLYN	198/0	198/0
SALVESON	144/0	143/0
SAVILLE G	59/0	59/0
SAVOY MA	875/0	885/0
SCOT I.T.	156/4	157/0
SCOT NET	161/0	161/0
SCOT MORT	127/0	127/0
SCOT.AM.I	115/0	115/0
SCOT.E.IT	165/4	166/4
SCT NAT I	50/0	50/0
SCT NAT W	13/0	13/0
SECS TST	123/0	123/4
SELCTV TP	16/4	16/4
SENA GRP	323/0	323/0
SHANDWICK	139/0	140/0
SHERATON S	86/0	87/0
SHIRE INV	244/0	245/0
SIMON ENR	389/0	390/0
SINGERMR	78/0	78/0
SMITH D	346/0	350/0
SPRND DIF	117/0	118/0
SPRING RAM	234/0	234/0
SPRX-SARC	234/0	234/0
ST.ANDREW	218/0	218/0
ST.MOOREN	41/0	41/0
STARKS	105/0	105/0
STEETLEY	447/0	448/0
STEND PR	218/0	218/0
STODDARD	42/0	42/0
STORMGUAR	20/4	20/4
STURGE HD	260/0	260/0
T.I.P.	169/0	170/0
TELEMETRX	46/0	46/0
TEMPLE BA	245/0	245/0
THAMES TV	464/0	463/0
THORNTONS	146/0	146/0
THROUGHTN	87/4	88/0
TIE RACK	75/0	77/0
TILBURY	522/0	520/0
TIME PROD	215/0	215/0
TIPHOON	458/0	458/0
TOKWINS F	253/0	252/0
TOTAL	128/0	127/0
TOZER K&N	111/4	111/0
TR CITY	89/0	89/0
TR PACIFIC	80/4	81/0
TR PROCT	58/4	59/0
TR TRSTEE	154/0	154/0
TRIMCO	36/4	36/4
TRIPLEX	172/0	172/0
TRITON ER	182/0	183/0
TRSPRT DV	257/0	258/0
U-BORLAND	85/0	86/0
U-BRD ST	38/0	38/0
U-BROADM	230/0	230/0
U-CITYVSN	195/0	195/0
U-CLUFF	72/4	73/4
U-DEANBO	207/0	206/0
U-DEMYE W	118/0	118/0
U-DURHAM	53/0	54/0
U-EXPLAUR	47/0	47/0
U-FERRARI	11/0	10/4
U-FLOYD E	23/0	23/0
U-FRD SEL	112/0	112/0
U-HUG PT	232/0	232/0
U-HUG PT	183/0	184/0
U-HUGHES	41/0	42/0
U-ISRAEL	21/4	21/4
U-KUNICK	60/4	60/0
U-LDN FRF	110/0	110/0
U-MICROVT	39/0	39/0
U-MOLINAR	31/0	31/0
U-MORUNT	26/6	26/6
U-MURRYD	379/0	380/0
U-N-SEAG	39/0	39/0
U-PAVION	4/4	4/2
U-RNDSTN	303/0	303/0
U-SAC INT	102/0	100/0
U-STH BUS	463/0	463/0
U-STHROPE	202/0	201/0
U-TRIND W	17/0	18/0
U-TRIND W	42/4	43/0
U-TV AM	198/0	194/0
UNION DIS	492/0	493/0
UNITED	334/0	334/0
UTO INDS	58/0	58/0
UTO SCEN	143/0	143/0
VALUETRIC	63/4	63/0
VAUX GRP	284/0	285/0
VERSON	37/0	37/0
VG INSTMT	307/0	308/0
VICKERS	218/0	218/0
VPI GROUP	113/0	113/0
WADDINGTON	187/0	188/0
WAGON HDG	376/0	375/0
WARD HLDS	109/0	110/0
WATERFD U	78/0	78/0
WATERFD U	78/0	78/0
WATES CTY	191/0	190/0
WATTS B&B	327/0	328/0
WCRS GRP	281/0	283/0
WEIR GRP	286/0	287/0
WESTBURY	114/0	112/0
WESTLAND	134/0	133/0
WHEATY	137/0	137/0
WHITECROF	308/0	308/0
WILSON BOV	220/0	221/0
WILSON BOV	160/0	161/0
WOLSELEY	285/0	284/0
WOLVBOUD	445/0	445/0
WPP GRP	608/0	655/0
WST MOTOR	638/0	637/0
YALEVALO	334/0	336/0
YORK CHEM	334/0	333/0
YOUNG (H)	166/0	166/0

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As of 21.6.'89						
BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADING
NATIONAL BANK	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.960	1235000	21
GULF BANK	0.355	0.360	0.360	0.355	120000	4
COMMERCIAL BK	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.260	110000	4
AHLI BANK	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	20000	1
B.K.M.E	0.330	0.325	0.330	0.325	40000	1
K.R.E.B.	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330	190000	1
BURGAN BANK	0.255	0.260	0.260	0.255	110000	1
K.F.HOUSE	0.465	0.465	0.465	0.460	1280000	23
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KUT INV. CO.	0.097	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.I.C.	0.065	---	---	---	---	---
COM. FACILITIES	0.410	---	---	---	---	---
AHLIAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.043	---	---	---	---	---
INV. PEARL KUT	0.086	---	---	---	---	---
NATIONAL INV.	0.065	0.066	0.066	0.064	200000	3
-KUT PROJECTS	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	440000	---
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KUT INSURANCE	0.570	0.550	0.560	0.550	1553838	7
GULF INSURANCE	0.320	---	---	---	---	---
AHLIA INS. CO.	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
UARBIA INS. CO.	0.340	---	---	---	---	---
REAL EST SECTOR						
KUT R.E.ST. CO.	0.132	0.130	0.130	0.130	100000	1
UNANI R.E.ST. CO.	0.051	0.052	0.052	0.052	120000	2
NAT R.E.ST. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
ULIATAT R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
KUT R.E.S.T. CON	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
NAT IND. CO.	0.490	---	---	---	---	---
KUT M.P. IND.	0.310	---	---	---	---	---
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.360	---	---	---	---	---
N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	0.980	---	---	---	---	---
K.PH.IND. CO.	0.166	---	---	---	---	---
CONT. MARINE	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
K.SH.REP.CO	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
K.N.F. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
P.WAREHOUSING	0.182	0.140	0.140	0.138	280000	6
COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.038	0.081	0.081	0.081	75653	1
MOBILE TELE.	0.300	0.295	0.300	0.295	1630000	31
KUT COMPUTER	0.148	---	---	---	---	---

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	83.00	84.00	83.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.27	.28	.28
AC-A	21.75	22.00	21.75	LC-B	.28	.29	
AMS	3.20		3.20	PX-A	.29	.30	.30
GLO	26.50	27.00	26.50	PX-B	.31	.32	.31
PLDT	347.50	350.00	350.00	OIL SECTOR			
KPSI-A	3.90	3.95		BP-A	.014	.015	.015
SNC-A	255.00	257.50	255.00	BP-B	.015	.016	.015
SNC-B	337.50	340.00	345.00	LRE-A	.004	.0044	
WINING SECTOR				LRC-B			
WIN-A	.015	.016		OPW-A	.047	.048	.048
APX-B	.016	.017	.016	OPW-B	.05	.0525	.049
AT-A	41.50	42.00	43.00	OPW-A	.043	.044	.044
				OV-B	.044	.045	.045

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SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	SFH
C/I	3,908,820	104,581,127.50	1,312.78	8.20 DN
MINING	96,314,500	4,776,550.00	5,109.48	18.81 DN
OIL	239,150,000	5,806,650.00	7.631	UNCHANGED
TOTAL	339,373,320	115,164,327.50	1,061.10	3.95 DN

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL		SECTOR	BC-A	83.00	83.50	83.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-B	90.00	
SMC-A	255.00	257.50	255.00	LC-A	.27	.28
SMC-B	340.00		340.00	LC-B	.28	.29
PLDT	347.50	350.00	352.50	ZIP	.011	.012
ANS-A	3.20	3.25	3.20			
ANS-B	3.20	3.70				

		SECTOR	OIL	SECTOR	BUY	SELL	OPEN
AC-A	21.50	21.75	21.75	BP-A	.014	.015	.014
GLO--	26.50	27.00	26.50	BP-B	.015	.016	.015
FER-A	2.22	2.24	2.26	LRC-A	.0042	.0044	.0044
FER-B	2.32	2.34	2.30	LRC-B		.0046	.0046

MINING		BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPW-A	.048	.049	.048
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPW-B	.05	.0525	.05	
APX-A	.016	.017	.016	OW-A	.043	.044	.043	
APX-B	.016		.016	OW-B	.044	.045	.044	
AT-A	41.50	42.00	42.00	TA	.026	.027	.026	
AT-R	42.00	42.50	43.00					

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	4,570,005	170,735,570.51322.59		DN 0.21
MINING	222,214,000	8,127,450	4.782.50	DN17.82
OILS	355,450,000	7,166,100	8.091	UP .098
TOTAL	582,234,005	186,031,120.51069.31		UP 3.31

SINGAPORE

ADPFB									
NAME	LAST	PR	CL	G KENT	78	78	KECK SENG	176	178
				G LUMBER	157	157	KILLINGHA		354
ADEF A				G TOMA		90	N CEMENT	205	205
ADJINOMOTO				G U HDLGS	----	102	N COWT	139	141
AKAL IND		123	GANDA HGG		46	46	M FEEDMIL	----	34
AKAL PROP		141	SEN CORP	82.5	80	80	M FLOUR		310
AMCOL	29	29.5	GENTING		570	570	M GLASS	324	312
AMCOL	130	131	GOLD COCON		192	192	M TIN PRT	----	83
BERAJAYA	149	149	GSJ		142	143	U TUD	235	235
BOUSTEAD	145	145	GUINNESS		374	376	U TUD MFG	123	123
CARLSBERG	575	570	GULA		----	28.5	M'SHITA		760
CEREBOS		330	GUTHRI	44	41.5	41.5	M'WATA	168	168
CHEM IND	540	535	H L IND.		269	266	MAGNUM	299	296
CHEM IND		294	NARINAWA		124	124	MALEX IND		380
CK TANG	450	460	NAM PAR		306	300	METRO	830	835
COLD STOR	344	344	HEKKA		77	76	MULPHAIND		50
CS HDLGS	43	43.5	IMMO-PAC		124	126	MULTIPURP		97.96.5
DICKI		525	INNOVEST		102	103	M ST TIME	360	370
DMIB BHD	147	145	INVAS	38.5	38	38	MB TIMBER	101	103
DUTA CON	----	29	INT WOOD	----	76	76	PERLIS	620	620
DUYCHABAY		460	ISETAN	710	710	710	ROTH IND	198	197
ELEC MAGN	202	203	J SHIPYARD	625	620	620	ROTHMAN M	780	760
ESSO ORD	358	360	JACKS LTD		143	143	S PACIFIC		380
FU YA S.		251	JC ENT		127	127	S PRESS F	780	775
F B N	27.5	26.5	JC-MPH	118	120	120	S PRESS F	810	800
F B SHIP		362	JOHAN HDG	41	41.5	41.5	S SHIP	450	454
F&N ORD	990	995	K G HDLGS		110	110	S'WANG M	180	183
FEB CABLE	----	67	K KELLAS		220	220	SAMANDA	150	155
FED FLOUR		520	KAMUNTING A				SATERAS	51	50.5
FINA BHD		312	KAMUNTING	82.5	82.5	82.5	SIA	1370	1370
FIJUTECH		656	KE SANG			100	STEAM MAR	136	136

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SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSE marginally lower

SINGAPORE, JUNE 23, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED marginally lower for the third consecutive day on a lack of buying interest and bouts of profit-taking in quiet trading. BROKERS SAID AN OVERNIGHT RALLY ON WALL STREET AND A 205-POINT GAIN IN THE NIKKEI CLOSING INDEX FAILED TO STIMULATE INVESTOR INTEREST.

MOST INSTITUTIONAL PLAYERS KEPT TO THE SIDELINES WAITING FOR CLEAR DIRECTION. THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX SHED 4.14 POINTS TO CLOSE AT 1,290.29.

FALLS LED RISES BY 104 TO 61. SEVERAL BLOCK DEALS BOOSTED TURNOVER TO 81.4 MLN SHARES FROM THURSDAY'S 56.1 MLN.

ZURICH

ZURICH			
STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	
BAER INDOS	12200	12150	
BAERIDGES PS	2475	2415	
BBC I A	4110	4115	
BK LEU I	2950	2850	
BK LEU N	2390	2350	
BK LEU PS	338	330	
CFV	0	0	
CIB GEIG I	3985	4030	
CIB GEIG N	3330	3325	
CIB GEIG P	3080	3130	
CKM	1200	1170	
CRK SUI I	2520	2305	
CS SUI	510	510	
ES LAUFEN	1600	1600	
ELEKTROMAT	2970	2955	
EMS CHEN I	5100	5100	
GLOBUS I	5775	5775	
GLOBUS N	5800	5800	
GLOBUS PS	985	990	
JACOBS S I	7225	7210	
JACOBS S N	1530	1550	
JACOBS S P	624	617	
JELN I	2525	2525	
JELN PS	352	352	
LAMDIS N	1275	1275	
LAMDIS PS	115.00	115.00	
MERCK I	790	784	
NESTLE I	7780	7770	
NESTLE N	7260	7235	
NESTLE PS	1160	1160	
OE BLUER I	1450	1440	
OE BLUER N	415	404	
OE BLUER P	363	355	
ROCHE S	17075	17150	
ROCHE I	34000	34000	
RUECKVER I	10150	10175	
RUECKVER N	7725	7850	
RUECKVER P	1725	1695	
RY TR BK	1030	1030	
S BNKGS I	3490	3480	
S BNKGS N	775	759	
S BNKGS P	120.50	119.00	
S BNKVRN I	341.00	33.00	
S BNKVRN N	255	250	
S BNKVRN P	288.00	276.00	
SANDZ I	12200	12225	
SANDZ N	11000	10825	
SANDZ PS	2250	2320	
SULZER N	5400	5400	
SULZER PS	405	400	
SVB	1715	1720	
SWISSAIR	1080	1090	
SWISSAIR N	940	940	
W THUR I	4525	4300	
W THUR N	3675	3650	
W THUR PS	727	720	
ZURICH I	4925	4860	
ZURICH N	3825	3820	
ZURICH PS	2100	2050	

Interbank Rates

Interbank Rates			
	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	13-1/4 13	13-13/16 11/16	14-1/8 14
FFT	6.30/35	6.55/65	6.80/90
PAR	9 9-1/8	8-15/16 9-1/16	8-15/16 9-1/16
ZUR	6-7/8 7-1/8	6-3/4 7	6-3/4 7
BRX	9.00	8-3/8 1/2	8-1/2 5/8
ROM	12-1/8 12-1/2	12-3/8 12-7/8	12-3/8 12-7/8
AMS	6.68/81	6.87/97	6.96/06
TOK	4.29/32 31/32	5.9/32 11/32	5.10/32 12/32
ECU	7.75 9.00	8.75 8.87	8.95 9.06

SUNDAY Fairs

Currency rates				
KUWAIT, June 23, (KUNA):				
Following are the international				
currency rates as quoted by local				
banks and announced by the				
Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.				
	Buying	Selling		
US dollar	0.29510	0.29623	Sterling	0.46135 0.46390
			Dm.	0.15085 0.15160
			S. fr.	0.17480 0.17560
			F. fr.	0.04465 0.04485
			Il. lira	0.0002075 0.0002955
			Jap. yen	0.0020895 0.0029945
			Bh. dinar	0.78275 0.78605
			UAB dh.	0.08030 0.08070
			S. dyal	0.07865 0.07900
			Q. riyal	0.08100 0.08140
			O. riyal	0.76665 0.76970

Dow Jones Plus Indices

Dow Jones Plus Indices				
	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,507.40	+ 25.42	2,507.40	2,481.98
TRANS	1,182.89	+ 5.01	1,185.16	1,178.20
UTILS	208.51	+ 1.30	208.69	207.21
STOCKS	965.79	+ 7.51	965.83	958.28
NYSE COMP	181.54	+ 1.49		
S-P COMPOSITE	325.28	+ 2.96		
NYSE INDS	217.41	+ 1.81		
AMEX INDEX	363.38	+ 1.17		
NASD COMP	446.97	+ 1.64		
AMEX INT INDEX	309.59	+ 1.56		
NASD FIN'L	520.74	+ 1.01		
NASD BANKING	474.39	+ 1.50		
S-P 100 INDEX	300.86	+ 2.70		
NASD INDS	435.75	+ 1.85		

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BUSINESS

Third World aid up 7 pc in '88: OECD

PARIS, June 23. (Reuters): Aid to the Third World, likely to be discussed when South meets North before the July industrial nations summit, rose by nearly seven per cent last year to just under \$48 billion, the OECD said yesterday.

But the latest figures from the 24-member Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development showed that the fractional rise to 0.35 per cent of the developed world's gross national products was largely due to special factors.

Sometimes regarded as a club whose tight codes on trade and financial behaviour keep membership exclusive, the Paris-based OECD is one of the more

active aid advisory forums via its Development Assistance Committee (DAC).

DAC chairman Joseph Wheeler warned: "We have seen over the last five years an average increase of 2.3 per cent (in aid). It's important not to presume that this will increase."

Much of last year's rise came from a concentration of spending that artificially depressed 1987 figures. The climb in 1988 disbursements would not be so marked.

French President Francois Mitterrand, outlining his priorities for next month's summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations, noted recently that the developed world of the

North had targeted 0.7 per cent of GNP to help the South.

"International solidarity... means keeping up the required financial flows," he told OECD ministers two weeks ago.

Four developed nation members of the OECD have already passed this level, set originally by the United Nations.

"Most continue to hold that out as either a medium- or long-term goal," Wheeler said.

The four with the highest ratio of aid to GNP are Norway, the Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden. In 1988, Norway spent 1.12 per cent of its GNP on assistance to the Third World.

The major increases in absolute aid

spending came from Japan, the United States, Britain, Australia, Canada, Italy and Finland.

Grouping all transfers of money last year — aid, other official flows and private sector funds — the developing world took in \$103 billion, roughly unchanged from 1987 after taking into account inflation and currency movements.

Of the nations receiving aid, Wheeler said: "One can't help but be very pleased with what's happening to the newly industrialised countries." They had grown out of needing aid and in cases such as South Korea, had paid off debts early.

Thailand and Malaysia were almost at that point, with India also doing reasonably well. "When you look at the world from that end of the world, it really looks quite good," he said.

By contrast Latin America, staggering under mountainous debt burdens, faced problems which had no real solution through the simple supply of aid.

A third group of developing nations, among them sub-Saharan Africa, Haiti and Nepal, placed great weight on financial assistance from the North.

"What we see here is the need to stay the course, to recognise that structural adjustment can't be done in three years, that agricultural and industrial programmes take much longer," Wheeler said.

Growth rate will drop next year

Hotel shortage to dent tourism boom

BANGKOK, Thailand, June 23. (AP): A shortage of hotel rooms, sharply rising room rates and environmental problems may put a dent in Thailand's tourism boom, experts say.

Some 4.2 million tourists visited Thailand last year and more than 5 million are expected in 1989. Tourism revenue is a major contributor to the country's high-growth economy.

But Chalermpol Mahititkarn, an executive of the Thai Hotel Association, said in an interview yesterday that the tourist growth rate will drop next year due to a shortage of hotel rooms. He discounted recent statements by others in the industry that higher room rates will discourage tourists.

The head of the government's Tourism Authority of Thailand, Dhamnoon Prachuabmoh, said recently that high hotel room rates would be among factors dampening tourism. Room shortages and environmental problems such as pollution also would contribute to the trend, he said.

After the success of the government-sponsored Visit Thailand year in 1987, many of Bangkok's top hotels increased their prices dramatically, drawing criticism from some travel agents and government officials. But hoteliers argued that their rates were competitive with others in the region.

Top hotels in Bangkok currently charge about \$150 a night to individual travellers. In some cases, rates have doubled within a year.

The TAT says Thailand currently has 135,700 hotel rooms and expects that at least 12,000 will be added over the next three years.

Several large hotels are scheduled for completion in Bangkok next year. Chalermpol said tourism was up 20 per cent in the first three months this year from January-March 1988. He said that because of continuing high demand, fewer hotels were lowering their rates during the off-season, which began in April.

The greatest numbers of tourists to Thailand last year came from Malaysia, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and the United States, the TAT said.

Israel devalues currency

Bid to boost economy

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 23. (Reuters): Israel devalued its currency, the shekel, by just over four per cent against the dollar today in a bid to review a stagnant economy badly hit by the Palestinian uprising.

Finance Minister Shimon Peres said the second devaluation in six months was intended to stimulate export-led growth without fuelling inflation. A Bank of Israel spokesman said the shekel's value had been allowed to slide by a total of 10.8 per cent since the last formal devaluation on January 1.

Officials said the move should not cause significant price rises as domestic demand was slack, with consumers having little money to spend on imported goods. "The rises are expected to be absorbed by manufacturers," Yoram Belizovsky, director-general of the Trade and Industry Ministry, said on Israel radio.

Peres told the cabinet last Sunday that the 18-month-old uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip had caused a more severe economic slowdown than previously forecast. At least 524 Palestinians and 21 Jews have died in the unrest.

The Central Bureau of Statistics said the economy showed no growth at all in the first four months of this year, while industrial output continued to decline.

Officials said that apart from disrupting a flow of cheap Arab labour to Israel, the uprising had drastically reduced Israeli exports of basic goods to the occupied areas, raised defence costs and created a climate of uncertainty harmful to investment.

About 120,000 Palestinians from the areas work in Israel. Their work has been disrupted by frequent strikes, prolonged curfews and army restrictions on their movements.

Peres and Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno said they decided on the devaluation six weeks ago to help overcome the recession.

Iran to spend \$2b on agriculture

NICOSIA, Cyprus, June 23. (AP): Iran's Minister of Agriculture said yesterday that credits of more than \$1 billion have been earmarked for agricultural projects this year, Tehran radio reported.

It quoted the minister Issa Kalantari as saying more than twice that amount will be spent on agriculture in the next five years.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Kalantari as saying that "if agriculture is to strengthen the country's economy and boost farmers' incomes, more agricultural projects must be set up in the rural areas."

He said that since most of Iran's climate is arid, much of the credit spending should be on small-scale water diversion projects to provide a reliable water source for farmers, the radio reported.

It quoted him as saying that since the Iranian climate is conducive to raising silkworms, farmers will be encouraged to keep silkworms alongside their staple crops as a means of boosting income.

Kalantari said that a number of livestock projects had begun this year in the northern Gilan province, which would make Iran self-sufficient in the field by the end of the five-year development programme.

The programme was launched in March 1989. Kalantari also stressed the need to insure crops against, and said that more crops were being insured every day, the radio reported.

He said that by the end of 1993, all of the country's staple crops will be insured.

The programme was launched with the aim of rapidly rebuilding sectors of the economy neglected or devastated by the 8-year Gulf war.

A UN-sponsored ceasefire halted Gulf war hostilities last August.

World Bank paying out old loans to China

WASHINGTON, June 23. (AP): The World Bank, chief source of aid to developing countries, is still paying out money on \$7.6 billion worth of loans to China, chief spokesman Frank Vogl said Wednesday.

Vogl said new loans have been suspended since June 8, four days after Chinese troops killed hundreds of demonstrators in Central Beijing. However, since loan preparation can take a year or more, several billion dollars worth of loans to China are in the pipeline at any given time.

Bank president Barber Conable decided not to submit new China loan applications to the 25-member board of executive directors. They represent 151 member countries and meet every week in closed sessions.

Sheldon Rapoport, its financial spokesman, estimated that on March 31 about \$4.4 billion worth of approved loans to China had not yet been disbursed.

Pastor Sison, bank spokesman on Asia, calculated that \$780 million worth of new lending for China was due for approval by the board before the bank's fiscal year ends June 30. He said he could not estimate what disbursements have been since Conable blocked the new loans on June 8. "That's mostly money paid out to contractors for work already done," he explained.

"If economic chaos or some other reason was preventing a loan for irrigation from being properly spent, for example, we would not want to keep putting out the money," Vogl said in an interview.

The bank is planning to lend \$20 to \$21 billion this year to more than 100 developing countries.

Sison said it would be hard to transfer to other borrowers the amounts designated for China.

"It depends on how far advanced the loans are," he said. "Loans take a certain amount of preparation."

A spokesman at the International Monetary Fund, the bank's sister organisation, said it has no loans pending or being disbursed to China. China does get loans from the Asian Development Bank, an international body with headquarters in Manila.

KD deposit rates drop in thin trade

KUWAIT, June 23. (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates dropped in thin trade yesterday after monthly salary payments and 50 million dinars (\$170 million) from a maturing bond issue flooded into the market.

Overnight fell to around five per cent, tomorrow next to five three and spot next to six four from a uniform 10 nine on Wednesday. One week eased 1/2 point to 9-1/2 8-1/2.

But dealers said most prices were notational, since the market saw little activity.

The fixed rates were mostly steady, with one and three months quoted at 9-3/4 1/4 and six months and one year at 9-1/2 nine.

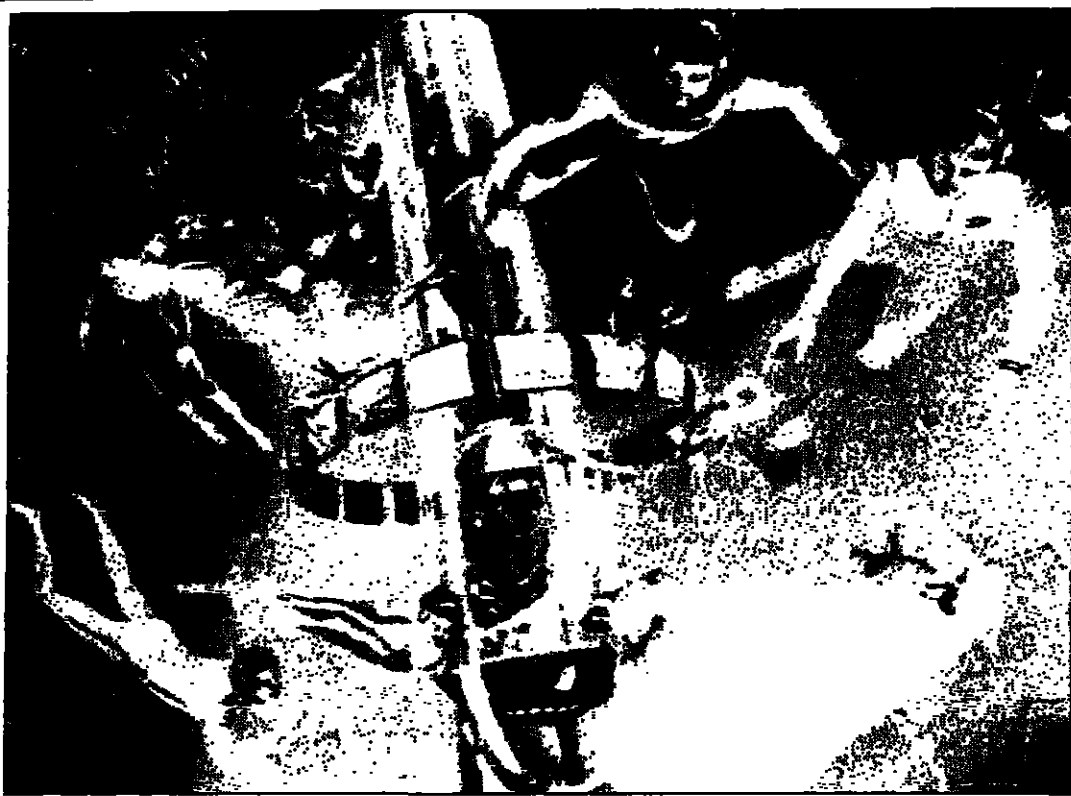
The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29535 from 0.29727/87 on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposit rates firmed in a dull market yesterday on the back of firmer Eurodollar rates in international markets.

Spot-next rose to 9-7/8 5/8 per cent from 7-3/4 1/4 on Wednesday, but this was due partly to technical factors ahead of the Gulf Friday weekend. One week firmed to 9-5/8 3/8 from 8-3/4 1/4.

In the fixed periods one month firmed to 9-9/16 7/16 3/16, three months to 9-1/2 3/8 from 7/16 3/16 and six months to 9-7/16 5/16 from 9-3/8 1/8.

The spot riyal firmed to 3.7506/09 to the dollar from 3.7517/20 on Wednesday, but this was also due to technical factors.



Space-age hotel

Would-be guests float about in the lobby lounge of a future space-age hotel in an artist's conception of an orbiting hotel, now being planned by Japanese construction company Shimizu Corporation. (Reuters wirephoto)

SELA proposal rejected

Delegates call for end to protectionism

CARACAS, June 23. (Reuters): Third World leaders said yesterday an end to trade protectionism in industrialised nations was vital for the growth of developing countries.

Poor countries have to boost exports to the industrialised world to have any chance of repaying the \$1.3 trillion debt they owe, one delegate said.

"Unless the debtors have access to the markets of the North, there is no way their debt can be paid," Pakistani delegate Nasim Ahmed said.

Delegates were addressing the 25th anniversary meeting of the Group of 77 developing nations which are charting ways to reduce their external debt and spur national development.

Tunisia's delegate to the 128-member group, named after the number of its founding nations, said "protectionist pressures in the world trading system should be dismantled urgently."

Ahmed Ghezal, who is Tunisia's ambassador to the United Nations, told the delegates "international trade on the basis of existing pacts and principles is a crucial engine for the growth of developing countries."

Ahmed, who is Pakistan's ambassador to the United Nations, also told the group that he hoped the new single market being formed by the 12-member European Economic Community (EEC) by 1992 would not be an "economic Berlin wall."

He made his remarks in his speech and in an interview with Reuters.

Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, discussing economic policies of the rich nations, said "the major industrialised countries do not appear to be alive to the responsibilities which should go with their privileged position."

Meanwhile a proposal by the Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) for easing the region's

'Living off the poor'

Rich nations criticised

CARACAS, June 23. (OPECNA): Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez Wednesday attacked rich industrialised countries and banking institutions for "living off the poor" in their failure to ease the Third World's debt burden.

In an opening address to the Group of 77 conference here, he stressed that Southern countries could not be asked to "tighten their belts" as long as there were countries in the North whose prosperity "was based on enormous fiscal and trade deficits."

According to news agency reports, the president said "we cannot have open trade preached to us when the markets of the North are closed to our products."

Perez was critical of international commercial banks which, he said, "were making easy profits at the cost of an untenable situation for developing countries." Most of the Third World's \$1.3 trillion debt is owed to commercial banks in the United States.

The Group of 77, which now comprises 128 developing countries with the addition of Mongolia on Wednesday, is meeting here this week to discuss a wide range of topics including the Third World's foreign debt problem.

The foreign debt burden, said Perez, had created an "explosive situation," and developing countries had "limited patience" in dealing with the problem.

The world's poorer countries had promoted a dialogue about their economic problems and were willing to assume their debt responsibilities, "but developed nations must assume theirs," he said.

M. Dubay, president of the group's North-South Commission, said the group would demand that industrialised nations cancel the foreign debt of the world's poorest states.

A document being prepared by Third World nations would assert that development cannot take place unless there is "a vital solution" to the foreign debt problem.

The commission has been meeting behind closed doors to put the finishing touches to the document which calls for greater co-operation between industrialised countries and developing states.

\$401 billion debt has been formally rejected by a two-day meeting of the group which ended here Tuesday, according to a communiqué issued a day later.

Deputy finance ministers from the group's 26 member countries agreed that while the need for such a plan existed, the secretariat proposal needed revision on the basis of "suggestions, criteria and opinions" expressed at the meeting.

The SELA plan called for a 50 per cent reduction in the region's foreign debt while setting bank

interest rates for servicing the debt at five per cent.

Commenting on the decision reached at the two-day technical meeting, Barbados Central Bank representative Delisle Worrell said the SELA proposal was "very comprehensive," but at the end "some hard bargaining will have to be done with each of the lending institutions and the debt countries."

He added: "The proposal responds to the debt crisis of each individual country and it also calls for prompt payment of the debt."

Recession feared as economy entering sluggish phase

WASHINGTON, June 23. (AP): The US economy, after turning in its best performance in four years, is entering a period of more sluggish growth, and analysts are debating whether the slowdown will be severe enough to topple the country into a recession.

The unemployment rate, reflecting slow growth in the first months of 1989, already has begun rising and many economists expect the rate to go higher still in coming months.

But most private analysts believe the economy will manage to escape a recession this year, in part because the Federal Reserve has begun easing back on its tight-money policy.

Analysts were awaiting yesterday's report on the gross national product, the

nation's total output of goods and services, for further information on how the economy is performing.

In advance of the report, many analysts expected it to show little change from a month ago, when the Commerce Department put GNP growth from January through March at a moderate annual rate of 4.3 per cent.

That estimate represented a significant downward revision from the original report, which had put first quarter GNP growth at a much more robust 5.5 per cent annual rate.

The slowdown was more pronounced when the effects of a rebound from last year's drought in the farm sector were removed.

Growth in the non-farm economy slum-

ped to a lackluster 1.8 per cent rate in the first three months of the year, down from a non-farm growth rate of 3.5 per cent in the fourth quarter.

"The story is basically the same. We have a soft economy, especially in the area of consumer spending," said Allen Sinai, chief economist for the Boston Co.

The latest monthly survey of 51 top economists conducted by the blue chip economic indicators newsletter put the consensus growth forecast this year at 2.7 per cent, down slightly from the previous month and significantly below the administration's projection of 3.2 per cent.

If the private economists are proven correct, that would spell bad news for the US administration's hopes of meeting the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction target

of \$100 billion next year without a tax increase.

Even with the effects of the drought last year, the GNP expanded at a four-year high of 3.9 per cent. That rapid pace helped to drive unemployment down sharply.

But with slower growth this year, the unemployment rate now stands at 5.2 per cent and the number of new jobs created in May fell to a three-year low.

Many economists believe the unemployment rate will rise steadily this year and into 1990, hitting 5.7 per cent a year from now.

"We are looking for the slowdown that started in the first quarter of the year to continue for the rest of 1989," said Cynthia Latta, an economist with Data Resources Inc.

China trade deficit soars

Inflation slows

BEIJING, June 23. (Reuters): China said yesterday inflation fell slightly in May but the trade deficit soared and the economic situation remained serious.

Figures from the State Statistical Bureau, published in the People's Daily newspaper, showed urban inflation in the first five months was 28.5 per cent and coming down slowly.

Inflation, which peaked early this year, is the worst China has faced since the communists came to power in 1949 and could pose a greater threat to the ruling party than student demands for democracy and freedom.

"For the rest of this year, the risk to the party is not more demonstrations over democracy but unrest over rising prices, supply shortages, non-payment of wages to workers, and non-payment of farmers for grain," an Asian diplomat said.

Fearful of unrest, factories are paying their workers handsomely. The bureau said wages in May rose 23.5 per cent over the same month last year and bonuses soared 49 per cent, "which should cause concern from all parties."

To curb inflation, China is diverting exports to the domestic market and importing more to cool excess demand. As a result the trade deficit in the first five months soared to \$4.64 billion from 800 million in the same 1988 period.

But there was good news on the industrial front, with a slowdown in soaring growth, a main cause of inflation.

Industrial output in the first five months grew 11.2 per cent over the same period last year, down from 17.7 per cent for all of 1988.

Excess investment in capital construction, another cause of inflation, also slowed. In the first five months, it fell 7.1 per cent over the same period last year, the bureau said.

But the cuts hit harder at manufacturing projects, which are supposed to get investment funds, than at office and hotel building, which is not. In any case the drop was much less than called for in an austerity programme launched last September to curb inflation.

A Western banker said the austerity programme was beginning to show results. "There is a downward trend in inflation and the industrial growth rate. You should not expect overnight results in such a programme. Mid-1989 is when we should expect to see the effect."

The bureau said that while the austerity programme had achieved some success in stabilising the economy there was enormous work to do to curb demand, improve supply and restructure industry.

There is good news in agriculture. The official press said on Wednesday China was likely to have a record summer harvest of grain and vegetable oils, thanks to good weather, better supply of materials and increased acreage.

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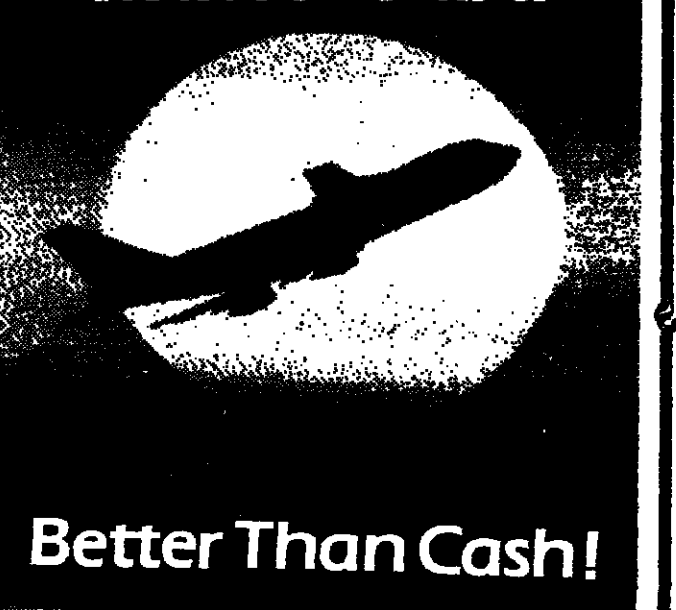
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Aims to bring the 70's back in fashion again

Donna Summer: born-again disco queen

With a broken marriage and her career in tatters, disco queen Donna Summers re-discovered her faith and slowly began to pick up the pieces. Now the girl who was once banned as being too sexy is poised to storm her way back to the top with golden nostalgia

By Judy Byrne

BORN-again disco queen Donna Summer plans to breathe new life into the sounds of the 70s.

The singer, banned for being too sexy in the days before she rediscovered God, wants to put the decade when she was at the top back in fashion.

She is asking stars like the Bee Gees and Gloria Gaynor to join her on a world tour — of nostalgia music.

Shrewd Donna says: "People are getting rich today copying those styles and those sounds. We aim to show today's audiences how it really was then."

How it really was for Donna was hyper. She had 32 hit singles in nine years, a record only Diana Ross could better.

Every new release seemed to have its place pre-booked in the charts.

She was the first woman to have a single and an album at the top of the US charts at the same time — and the second.

By the middle of 1980, she could command £250,000 for one night in the International Hotel in the gambling centre of Atlantic City in New Jersey. But the good times were about to end for her.

Storm

The roller-coaster ride had begun with the extraordinary Love To Love You, Baby, a single that lasted 17 minutes.

It created a storm and was banned from a string of radio stations including the BBC.

The resulting publicity did sales no harm at all. Donna, nicknamed First Lady of Lust because of it, will no longer per-



Summer: 32 hit singles in nine years

form the song on stage.

She says: "I made it with the studio lights out, thinking of my sexy boyfriend, German artist Peter Muhldorfer."

I couldn't make a record like that now. Songs like that condone sex for sex's sake. I have a very strong accountability to God."

It all began to go wrong for Donna when the pundits pronounced that disco was dead and she got the backlash of alleged anti-gay remarks. She was reported to have described AIDS as God's retribution against homosexuals. Gay rights activists burned her records, picketed her concerts, petitioned record companies to drop her and had her records banned from their clubs and discos.

Donna vehemently denies that she ever said it. She says: "The gay outrage was a terrible blow. I feel they've been completely unfair to me. I owe so much of my success to the homosexual community. In the early days, they were the ones who bought my records and cheered at my shows."

"I've grown up with lot of gay friends."

It was the start of a patch of career doldrums punctuated by personal tragedy for unlucky Donna. She says: "My sister's baby and husband died, my uncle was run over, my aunt had a stroke."

"My cousin was shot and killed, a friend died in a motorway accident, and another sister's husband and two buddies died in another car crash on the way to one of my concerts in Las Vegas. It seemed as soon as we'd finished one funeral there was another."

"I just couldn't believe it. I had never felt so low."

And if her revamped faith helped her cope with heartache, it did nothing to regain her fans. Even friends dropped her. She had changed her musical style as well as including spiritual tracks like I believe in Jesus and Forgive Me on her albums.

"I think people felt threatened by the fact that I became a Christian and certain people were ready to pounce on me because they had pre-conceived ideas of what they thought I believed," she says.

"I would like to share the faith which has made such a difference to me."

Even in the years when Donna's life had looked like one long high, she now admits it had not been.

She had been born Ladonna Andrea Gaines, one of a family of seven of a Boston butcher and school teacher. It was not the easiest of childhoods.

She recalls: "We shared a house with two other families."

"Singing was my escape route."

"I've always wanted to sing. When I was 10, I stood in for a singer who was ill in the church. Half-way through the song, I saw my father and half the congregation were crying. From that moment, people reckoned I would make singing my career."

All was not as it seemed. She says: "Instant fame brought instant anguish. It was good for the bank balance, but there is more to me than that."



Donna Summer: her song Love to Love You, Baby was banned by a number of radio stations.

"When my career took off, I was surrounded by people who did everything for me. Gradually, I became frightened about going to even small functions by myself. I was taking strong anti-depressant drugs. I know I had to come off but I didn't know how."

"It wasn't living. It was hell."

At the height of her fame, she was never without three or four bodyguards permanently in tow. She needed them. She says: "One

guy followed me for two years. I don't know how he knew what I was doing, unless he had my phone bugged."

"I'd decide in the middle of the night to go somewhere next morning and he would be there. He was in love."

The turning point in her private life came, she says, when she met her second husband, musician and songwriter Bruce Sudano.

Donna, back in the charts this

year with This Time I Know It's For Real, is keen to make her own television show based on her family life. She has already made a 30-minute pilot. An exhibition of her oil paintings has opened to acclaim in New York.

"I've always been an optimistic person," she says. "Otherwise, what's the point of carrying on?"

Even if her television career does take off, she has no plans to scrap music entirely.

Marx makes it No. 1 in US

Prince, U2 blast into British pop charts

LONDON, (AP): Prince and U2 leaped into the top 10 on the British pop singles chart but yielded first place to Back To Life by Soul II Soul and Caron Wheeler.

Prince was in at number 2 with *Batdance* from the soundtrack of the new Batman movie. U2 came third with *All I Want Is You*.

Teen heartthrob Jason Donovan, who had been number 1 for two weeks with a syrupy redo of Brian Hyland's 1962 hit *Sealed With A Kiss*, slid down to fourth position.

Other new entries in the top 10 this week were Cyndi Lauper's *I Drove All Night*, up from 11th, and *It Is Time To Get Funky* by D. Mob Feat Lrs, which was 12th last week.

Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd, the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

1. (2) Back To Life — Soul II Soul-Caron Wheeler (10 Records).
2. (1) Batdance — Prince (Warner).
3. (3) All I Want Is You — U2 (Island).
4. (1) Sealed With A Kiss — Jason Donovan (PWL).
5. (7) Song For Whoever — Beautiful South (Go).
6. (4) Right Back Where We Started From — Smitta (Fanfare).
7. (3) The Best of Me — Cliff Richard (EMI).
8. (10) Just Keep Rockin' — Double Trouble and The Rebel MC (Desire).
9. (11) I Drove All Night — Cyndi Lauper (Epic).
10. (12) It Is Time To Get Funky — D. Mob Feat Lrs (London).

In New York, Richard Marx' *Satisfied* grabbed the number one spot on Wednesday among the best-selling single pop records in the United States. Last week it was in third position.

Bobby Brown's *Every Little Step* retained its number two spot on the Cash Box magazine chart, while Neneh Cherry's *Buffalo Stance* climbed up one notch to take third spot.

Good Thing by the Fine Young Cannibals jumped up two steps to fourth, and *I'll Be Loving You Forever* by New Kids on The Block remained unchanged in fifth place.

Top Ten US

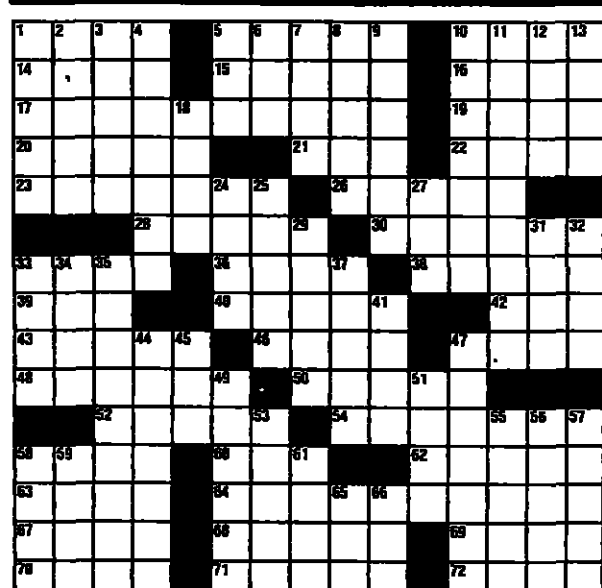
The top 10 pop singles as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) Satisfied — Richard Marx (EMI).
2. (2) Every Little Step Bobby Brown (MCA).
3. (4) Buffalo Stance — Neneh Cherry (Virgin).
4. (6) Good Thing — Fine Young Cannibals (L.R.S.).
5. (5) I'll Be Loving You (Forever) — New Kids on The Block (Columbia).
6. (10) Baby Don't Forget My Number — Milli Vanilli (Arista).
7. (1) Wind Beneath My Wings — Bette Midler (Atlantic).
8. (13) This Time I Know It's For Real — Donna Summer (Atlantic).
9. (15) Express Yourself — Madonna (Sire-Warner Brothers).
10. (12) Cry — Waterfront (Polygram).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (4) Call On Me — Tanya Tucker (Capitol).
2. (1) I Don't Want To Spoil The Party — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).
3. (6) Beyond Those Years — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA).
4. (2) She Don't Love Nobody — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).
5. (3) Where Did I Go Wrong — Steve Wariner (MCA).
6. (9) Sowin' Love — Paul Overstreet (RCA).
7. (10) Lovin' Only Me — Ricky Skaggs (Epic).
8. (5) Better Man — Clint Black (RCA).
9. (15) She's Got A Single Thing In Mind — Conway Twitty (MCA).
10. (7) Love Out Loud — Earl Thomas Conley (RCA).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Caribbean isle
 - 5 Aromas
 - 10 Tunisian port
 - 14 Black, to a poet
 - 15 Part of the retina
 - 16 Sound from Tabby
 - 17 A.K.Q., 10 of spades?
 - 19 Essayist Lamb
 - 20 Gladden
 - 21 — culpa
 - 22 Ali, once
 - 23 Leaves high and dry
 - 26 High dudgeon
 - 28 Took in a scam
 - 30 Small cavity
 - 33 Sidewalk eatery
 - 36 — ex machina
 - 38 Merciless
 - 39 Stir
 - 40 Dried orchid tubers
 - 42 Well-known uncle
 - 43 Actress Prentiss
 - 46 Facts and figures
 - 47 Writes
 - 48 Travelling, as a knight
 - 50 Insidious cunning
 - 52 Cabbage, in Köln
 - 54 One of Santa's reindeer
 - 58 Bluenose
 - 60 Oldtime auto
 - 62 Florida citrus center
 - 63 Bypath
 - 64 A trio of baseball teams?
 - 67 Some are scrambled
 - 68 Depart
- DOWN**
- 69 Wash
 - 70 Make the —
 - 71 Fisherman of a sort
 - 72 Winter transport
 - 1 Goddess of agriculture
 - 2 Fastener
 - 3 Russian nobleman
 - 4 Titanium dioxide
 - 5 Switch position
 - 6 US money
 - 7 Gamete
 - 8 Stitch again
 - 9 Vast desert
 - 10 Phantom
 - 11 No room at the inn?
 - 12 Opera highlight
 - 13 Roentgenogram
 - 18 Pre-Easter time
 - 24 Threads
 - 25 Golf great
 - 27 Curved line
 - 29 "The —"
 - 31 Spare
 - 32 "Desire Under the —": O'Neill play
 - 33 May or Cod
 - 34 Hebrew month
 - 35 Farouk, Tut, Arthur and George?
 - 37 Arrangement
 - 41 Two of a kind
 - 44 Most gigantic
 - 45 Collection of anecdotes
 - 47 Editors' are blue
 - 49 Tortoise
 - 51 City in N France
 - 53 Snicker
 - 55 Kiel or Suez
 - 56 Pupil, in Paris
 - 57 Demolished, in London
 - 58 One of the common people
 - 59 Violent anger
 - 61 Spoken
 - 65 First lady?
 - 66 Poetic contraction

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East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A K 8 2
♥ A K 6
♦ J 10 7 4
♣ 6 2

WEST
♠ Q J 10 9
♥ 9 7 5 4 3
♦ 8 6 2
♣ 5

EAST
♠ 7 6 4
♥ Q 8 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ Q J 8 3

SOUTH
♠ 5 3
♥ J 10
♦ A K Q
♣ A K 10 9 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠
One of our favorite definitions of a pessimist is that he is someone who has spent some time with an optimist! Certainly, at the bridge table it pays to view life through dark glasses.

South had a difficult bid at his second turn. His club suit was perhaps a whistler weak for a jump bid, but his overall strength merited strong action and to jump in diamonds with only three-card support was unattractive. North bid what he

expected to make on power, and chose the suit contract because it might have offered more maneuverability in case of a bad trump split.

West led the queen of spades, and to those who see only the pleasant things in life, there is no problem. They win and bang out the ace-king of trumps, and dolefully concede down one when the cards lie as in the diagram.

The pessimist realizes that a 4-1 trump break could endanger his contract. If West holds four trumps, declarer would need X-ray vision and a very fortunate lie of the cards to salvage the contract, unless East had a bare honor. But if East were to hold four trumps...

After winning the king of spades, declarer cashed a high trump just in case a singleton honor happened to fall. When only low cards appeared, declarer elected to take a safety play against the possibility that East held all the remaining trumps. He crossed to the table with a heart and led dummy's last trump, inserting the nine when East followed with the eight. When that held, he claimed his slam, conceding only one trump. (Had West won the second trump, that would have meant that only one trump was outstanding, which declarer could draw as soon as he regained the lead.)



"He can't come to the phone. He's busy watching television."

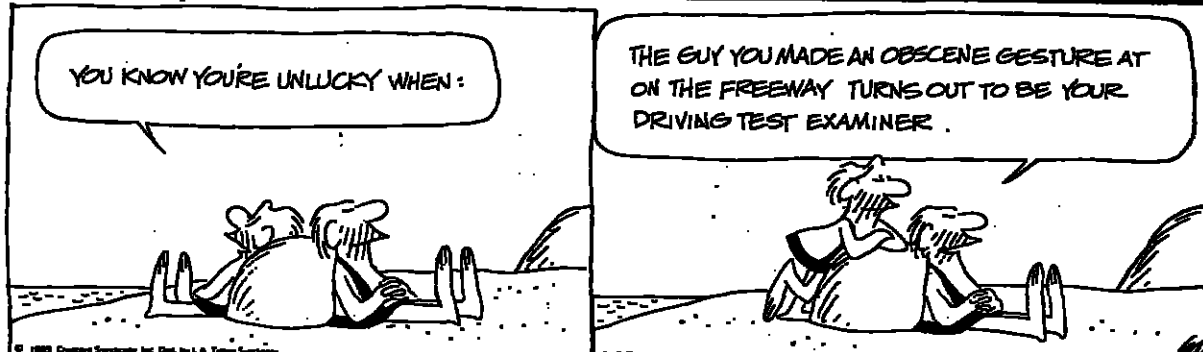
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YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You still have a lot to learn but it is far from too late to do so. Stick to your guns but do not be too obstinate. You will have to avoid doing anything you are not sure is right. Be reliable.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
All kinds of exaggerations are to be avoided. Stick strictly to the facts and do not embroider them. Use a little more commonsense and be practical. Be magnanimous.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will have to deal with some secondary matters but you should try not to allow them to take up too much of your time. You will have something to be pleased about, but there remains a lot to do. Be fair.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)
There will be some tension and you should be considered most seriously but do not do anything on the spur of the moment. An expense will prove to be greater than you had hoped. Be methodical.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)
Avoid eating merely out of habit, but nor should you starve yourself. And do keep away from fancy diets. Do not allow some small disagreement to become a major quarrel. Be careful.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Avoid doing repairs particularly where electricity is involved unless you know just what you are doing. You cannot have all you want and will have to make a rather difficult choice. Make sure you do not allow litter to accumulate. Be objective.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
You will be able to make amends for something you did wrong some time ago and should do so. Make sure your partner knows what are your intentions. Avoid spending too much time on secondary matters. Be responsive.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
If you make a few concessions you will gain no less than you concede. Avoid doing anything too frivolous but do have a bit of gentle and harmless fun if you can. Do not do anything that would put your health at risk. Be moderate.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)
The Moon's more favourable influence coupled with that of Uranus will help you to find the solution to a tricky problem. You should seek to avoid acting on the spur of the moment.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
The Moon's better influence will help you to overcome a certain degree of depression and you will be able to look on the bright side. You should try to look a little deeper than the surface. Be sensible.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
You will find it difficult to make up your mind and must think carefully lest you make a wrong decision. Take enough exercise but do not strain yourself. Have a little more patience where a family matter is concerned. Be reasonable.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You will be able to spend the day in good company. A few hours relaxing with something you like doing will refresh you. Your lucky numbers are 15 and 24. Avoid touching upon a sensitive issue. Be discreet.

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SPORTS

Real beat Atletico to reach Spanish Cup final

MADRID, June 23. (Reuters): Real Madrid continued their romp through Spain's domestic soccer competitions on Wednesday, beating local rivals Atletico 1-0 to reach the Spanish Cup final with a 3-0 aggregate win.

Real, who have already sewn up their fourth successive League title, will face Valladolid, currently sixth in the League, on June 30.

Real, who last pulled off the League and Cup double in 1980, started out slowly as Atletico, 2-0 losers in the first leg at their Calderon stadium, pushed for a quick goal and took charge of the games.

But Real, sometimes rough in defence, gradually warmed to the attack, and goalkeeper Abel Resino was stretched in the 25th and 37th minutes when Hugo Sanchez and Emilio Butragueno had

drives at the goal.

Dangerous on the counter-attack, Atletico were unlucky to be deprived of a goal in the 43rd minute.

Portuguese striker Paulo Futre flipped the ball over to top League goalscorer Baltasar Morais who tapped it home only to find the referee flagging off-side.

Midfielder Michel Gonzalez, returning in fine fettle after stalling off the pitch with

a foot injury in the middle of Real's title-clinching game 10 days ago, dribbled his way into position to place the ball at the feet of Butragueno, who paused briefly before slamming the ball in.

Michel, who said last week he was sick of whistles from the crowd and wanted to leave the side — a request Real rejected — was rewarded with rapturous applause from the Bernabeu fans.

Hick slams Yorkshire for century

LONDON, June 23. (Reuters): Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick shrugged off his comparatively modest form in the English cricket championship with a majestic 150 to put Worcestershire in charge on the second day of their three-day game against Yorkshire yesterday.

Hick raced to his first championship hundred of the season with an exhibition of batsmanship that recalled his prolific 1988 form when he achieved the rare feat of 1,000 first-class runs by the end of May.

Under the influence of Hick, captain Phil Neale, who hit an unbeaten 62, and Ian Botham, with a robust 41, Worcestershire reached 389 for seven by the close at Sheffield in reply to Yorkshire's first innings of 249.

Seamer Chris Pickles was the bowler who suffered most from Hick's ferocious assault, conceding 17 runs in one over as the Zimbabwean, who will be qualified for England in 1991, completed his century from 122 balls with a six and 17 fours.

His next 50 runs came from just 34 deliveries as he struck a six and eight more fours to bring his final haul of boundaries to 25 in a 198-minute innings in which he faced 156 balls.

Fast-medium bowler Phillip DeFreitas, dropped by England after the first Test against Australia, captured five or 46 as Lancashire forced leaders Northamptonshire to follow on 192 behind at Southampton.

DeFreitas's best display since joining Lancashire from Leicestershire this season sent Northants tumbling to 144 all out but a gritty, unbeaten 69 by Geoff Cook revived the leaders in their second innings. They were 145 for two, 47 behind, at the close.

Geoff Humpage hit a brilliant 183 — his first century for three years — to sweep bottom team Warwickshire to 365 for four declared against Glamorgan at Edgbaston — 75 ahead on first innings.

Humpage, who hit 25 fours and two sixes off 242 balls, and Andy Moles, unbeaten with 130, put on 279 in 75 overs for the fourth wicket.

Discarded England left-arm spinner John Childs claimed five for 36, his best in the championship this summer, to help Essex to a first innings lead of 33 against Hampshire at Ilford.

West Indies fast bowler Malcolm Marshall hit back by capturing three wickets in as many overs before Essex regained the initiative to finish on 112 for four — 145 ahead.

Wright to lead New Zealand in Australia

WELLINGTON, June 23. (Reuters): Auckland batsman John Wright will captain New Zealand's cricket team for a four-match series in Australia in November, the Cricket Council Board of Control said today.

Board chairman Barry Patterson announced a 13-member squad instead of the usual 14 because Auckland pace bowler Ewen Chatfield has said he will not be available for the tour, which ends with a Test match against Australia November 24-28.

Chatfield has indicated his availability for a home series against India in the next Southern Hemisphere summer and next winter's tour of England.

The full party is: John Wright (captain), Martin Crowe (vice-captain), John Bracewell, Jeff Crowe, Mark Greatbatch, Richard Hadlee, Andrew Jones, Danny Morrison, Gary Robertson, Ian Smith, Martin Snedden, Willie Watson, Robert Vance.

Egypt collect 23 gold medals

ALGIERS, June 23. (Reuters): Egypt dominated the African Weightlifting Championships in the Algerian town of Blida this week, winning 23 of the 32 gold medals in the eight-nation competition, the Algerian news agency APS said.

Egypt's Hamdi Bassyouni equalled his African record of 300 kg in the 67.5 kg category class, APS said yesterday.

Hosts Algeria came second in the medals table followed by Tunisia, Morocco and Libya. Nigeria, Kenya and Uganda did not win any medals.

Milan hold Brazil to draw

Switzerland win friendly international



Van Basten

MONZA, Italy, June 23. (Reuters): Brazil ended an unhappy European soccer tour with a goalless draw against AC Milan yesterday.

Brazil looked dull and dispirited after losing three matches in six days against Switzerland, Sweden and Denmark and never seriously threatened the European club champions.

Although AC Milan had the better of the match many of their key players were missing and most of the rest were substituted in the second half by youth team members.

Of the sparkling side that appeared in the European Cup final a month ago, only Dutch international Frank Rijkaard played the full 90 minutes.

Rudd Gullit was on holiday in order to fully recover from a cartilage operation and European Footballer of the Year Marco van Basten made way after the interval for 19-year-old Massimo Cappelletti.

Defender Roberto Mussi gained some useful international experience but he was judged off-side in the 71st minute after finding the net.

Brazil, missing the four 'Exiles' from Italian clubs who

boosted the side in Switzerland on Wednesday, gave Milan a lesson in passing and possession but in attack they lacked determination and cohesion.

They won only two corners to Milan's 12 and provided little work for goalkeeper Giovanni Galli. Even reserve keeper Davide Pinato was under-employed in second half.

Geovani was the best of the Brazilians but his performance did little to excite Italian First Division side Bologna who have just signed him for next season and had officials watching in the stands.

On Wednesday, Brazil slumped to their third defeat in six days when they lost 1-0 to Switzerland in a friendly soccer international.

A penalty five minutes into the second half by Kubilay Turkylmaz secured Switzerland's first win in four internationals and provided the perfect start for new national coach Uli Stielike, the former West German World Cup star.

Brazilian goalkeeper Taffarel upended Turkylmaz in the penalty area and Dutch referee John Blankenstein had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Turkylmaz took the spot kick himself and scored with a low drive just wide of Taffarel's outstretched fingers. It was the seventh goal the Brazilians had conceded on their short European tour following the 2-1 defeat by Sweden last Friday and the 4-0 thrashing they received at the hands of Denmark on Sunday.

The presence of four 'Exiles' from Italian clubs failed to give Brazilian coach Sebastiao Lazaroni the performance he was hoping for.

Individually brilliant, Brazil's attacks lacked cohesion and while Taffarel was rarely stretched, the visitors had plenty of scoring chances of their own.

Gerson shot wide with only goalkeeper Martin Brunner to beat in the 12th minute and he failed to score from a Renato cross three minutes later again with only Brunner in front of him.

Ten minutes before the break, Tita failed to round off a fine five-man passing move when he hammered his shot over the bar.

The 50th minute goal spurred the Brazilians into furious action only to be denied by debutant goalkeeper Stefan Lehmann.

Lineker move to Spurs completed

LONDON, June 23. (Reuters): England striker Gary Lineker passed a medical examination today and finally became a Tottenham player, completing a £1.5 million (\$2.325 million) move from Spanish club Barcelona.

Then he disclosed that it was he who first approached Tottenham manager Terry Venables with the idea of a move back to England.

"Everybody assumed I would stay abroad but I thought the time was right to come back to England, so I got in touch with Spurs."

"Basically, I decided that if I came back I wanted to come back to a big club and Tottenham are one of those," said Lineker, lead-

ing scorer at the 1986 World Cup finals.

Lineker has signed a four-year contract and admitted the fact that Venables was in charge at Tottenham played a big part in his decision. It was Venables who took Lineker to Barcelona when he signed him from Everton in 1986.

"Obviously, having already worked with Terry was an important factor in my decision. We all like to work with coaches we respect."

Venables said: "Gary's goalscoring record stands out. He gets one goal every two games and that is what we are hoping he will carry on doing for us."



Gary Lineker

Measures taken to deal with hooligans

Italy denies press reports

ROME, June 23. (Reuters): Italian officials today strongly denied British press reports that the 1990 World Cup would be an 'Open House' for English soccer hooligans.

They said strict controls and identity checks had been agreed with the English Football Association (FA) to prevent known hooligans from obtaining tickets for the competition.

The officials were reacting to a report in a London newspaper that said tickets would be sold indiscriminately to any fans with the money to buy them. Gian Paolo Segala, a spokesman for the World Cup organising committee Italia 90, said all people buying tickets in Italy — only allowed through BNL, the biggest state bank — have to show identity documents.

They would then be given vouchers to be exchanged for tickets next May — allowing time for police checks.

Dario Borgogno, assistant to Italia 90 general manager Luca Di Montezemolo, said a meeting was

held with the FA on March 3 to agree on measures to stop hooligans getting into World Cup matches. He said that in Britain, as well as Italy, tickets would not be exchanged for vouchers until next May. BNL would send a list of all buyers to the FA for checking before tickets were handed over.

He said that in any case it was highly unlikely that violent soccer fans would buy the expensive books of tickets from a bank. He said the fans normally arrived in large groups without tickets, hoping to buy them on the spot.

But he said English and Italian police were co-operating to identify groups of hooligans travelling to Italy and they would be stopped at the frontier.

Tickets would also be distributed in England by tour operators who are required to transmit the names of clients to the FA, Borgogno said.

He added that he had spoken to the FA today and they were not concerned about the danger of indiscriminate ticket sales.

Liverpool fixture date sparks storm

LONDON, June 23. (Reuters): A storm of protest erupted on Wednesday after Liverpool learned they had to return to play at Hillsborough exactly a year and a day after Britain's worst soccer tragedy which claimed 95 lives at the Sheffield ground.

The blunder came when a computer compiling next season's English League programme fixed Liverpool's visit to Sheffield Wednesday for April 16.

The computer was picking dates at random, but the anniversary of the tragedy, which occurred during Liverpool's FA Cup semifinal against Nottingham Forest, was not spotted by League officials until fixtures had been circulated.

Police and officials of the two clubs reacted by lodging strong complaints with the League. They fear that if the date remains unchanged, it will lead to an emotional anniversary pilgrimage for thousands of fans and bereaved families.

Sheffield Wednesday secretary Graham Mackrell said: "We have made strong representations to the League to have this date altered. We do not want the match anywhere near April, we prefer a date as far away as possible from April 15."

A League spokesman said: "It was a million-to-one chance that this particular fixture on this ground should be allocated to this date and we shall do all we can to move it if the clubs and police make an official request to us."



Senior Olympics

Eighty-one-year-old Byron Fike, of Tallmadge, Ohio, leaves the field behind on his way to winning the gold medal in the 100 metres at the US National Senior Olympics on Thursday. The Olympics are being held in St Louis (Reuters wirephoto)

E. Germans on early form

Koch surprises Felke

EAST BERLIN, June 23. (Reuters): Olympic javelin champion Petra Felke suffered a rare defeat but otherwise East Germany's somewhat depleted selection of star athletes displayed top form last night.

Three world season's bests were set at their first major outdoor athletics meeting of the year in Rostock.

Felke threw 70.56 metres at her first attempt but then struggled with erratic wind conditions, allowing Beate Koch to squeeze past with a fifth throw of 70.76.

Heike Hartwig threw 20.73 metres to win the shot put event while Yvonne Mai clocked four minutes 03.15 seconds in the 1,500 metres.

Long distance specialist Kathrin Ulrich led from the front to win the 10,000 metres in 32:22.55, 20 seconds ahead of her nearest rival. The victory also made her East German champion over the distance.

Many East German Olympic stars and other key athletes have quit athletics or are taking a year out.

Susanne Losch took advantage of this in the 400 metres hurdles, winning in a convincing 55.64. Sabine Busch is missing this year and Olympic bronze medalist Ellen Fiedler is injured and will be out for the whole season.

Young sprint star Sven Matthes blasted back onto the scene with a dazzling 10.11-second 100 metres, the fastest European time this season and a personal best.

"This time is well above my expectations because in November and December I was operated on twice in the groin and could start training only in February," he said.

Helga Radtke returned to the long jump after a year off through injury and leapt 7.15 metres.

Global peace run nears completion

NEW YORK, June 23. (AP): A global peace run on six continents is near completion after drawing thousands of runners into a foot-pounding display of heart and soul.

No times are clocked and no prizes won in this 31,000-mile (50,000-kilometre) relay run. Anyone can take part in the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, which began in April, winds through 71 countries on many simultaneous stages and ends in August.

"The peace run is not a religious or political event. It's not for any cause other than world peace," said Lory Brummell of the Sri Chinmoy marathon team, an international runners' group that privately organised the relay.

The director of the event is Sri Chinmoy, a 58-year-old Indian philosopher and fitness guru. He founded the Runners' Club in 1977 to promote world peace through sports.

Rainey and Lawson set to resume GP duel

Schwantz fastest in practice

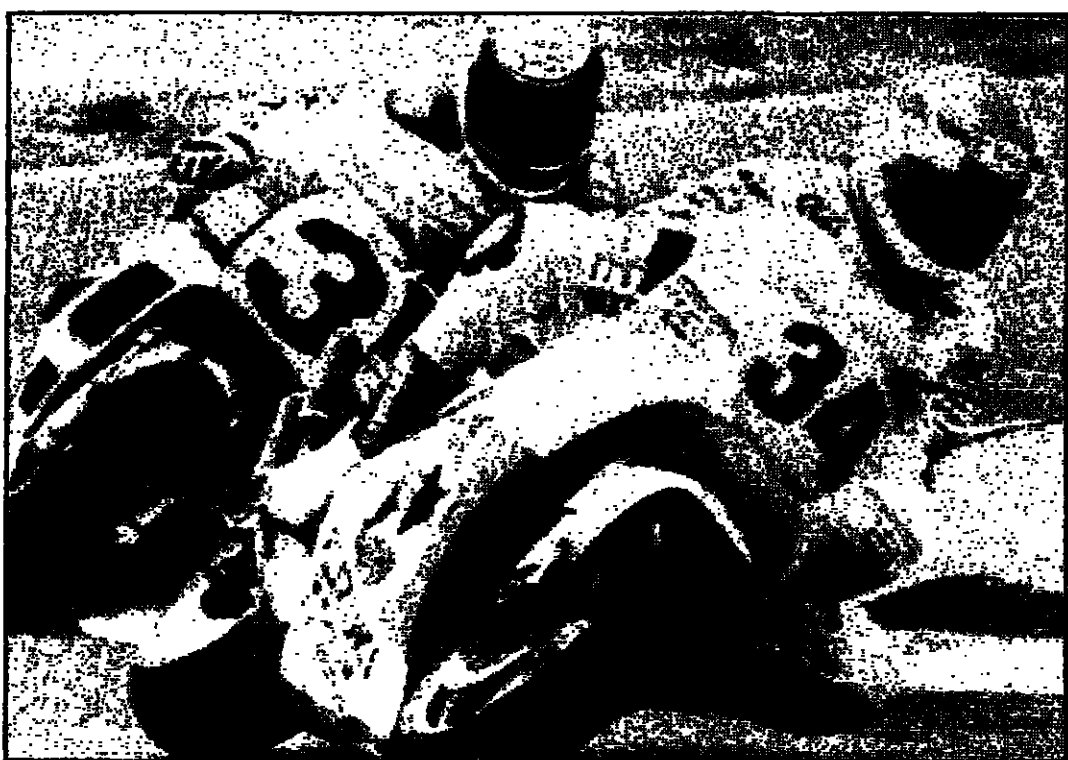
AMSTERDAM, June 23. (Reuters): The duel between Wayne Rainey and Eddie Lawson for the world 500 cc motorcycle championship resumes at the Dutch Grand Prix tomorrow with Suzuki rider Kevin Schwantz threatening to beat them both again.

"Everyone will be watching him," said reigning world champion Lawson's Honda team manager, Ian Mackay.

The last two meetings, in Yugoslavia and Australia, have seen Lawson and Rainey looking up on the winner's podium at their 24-year-old US compatriot, who also won in Japan in March and came second in the next race in the United States in April.

But Schwantz lays fourth in the championship with only 77 points because of crashes in the Australian and Spanish Grands Prix and an engine failure in West Germany. The more consistent Rainey and Lawson have 123 and 110 points respectively while Frenchman Christian Sarron holds third position with 82 points.

Schwantz, a 24-year-old American, has been the fastest in practice in nearly every race this season, and he was fastest again here after the first three practice



Schwantz (right) leading Rainey in an earlier race this season.

sessions with a time of two minutes 09.85 seconds over the 6.134 km course in the first session yesterday. Average speed was

170.060 kph. Next fastest with one session to go was Rainey's Yamaha at 2:10.34 with Lawson fifth in

2:11.33.

Tomorrow's race also sees the return of Lawson's team-mate Wayne Gardner of Australia,

who broke his leg in a crash in the US meeting in Monterey in April.

"Mentally, which is what he was most worried about, he's feeling good," Mackay told Reuters after Gardner's first official practice session, which from nine laps gave him the 12th fastest lap time of the session, 2:13.64. He later improved his grid position to eighth in the third practice with a time of 2:12.20.

"He's in some pain but he's just pleased to be getting back into the swing... I think Wayne will be in the top six but I wouldn't think he's looking for anything higher... he's easing himself back into it," Mackay added.

Gardner, the 1987 world champion, has ruled out any possibility of winning the 1989 championship. "I want to race and prepare for next year," he said earlier this month.

The Assen meeting has already been overshadowed by the death last night of 730 cc rider Ad Slot. The 30-year-old Dutchman crashed in practice on Tuesday and was taken to hospital in Groningen with serious neck injuries, race spokesman Jan Sikkens said.

Tyson likes to hurt women, says new book

NEW YORK, June 23. (Reuters): World Heavyweight Boxing champion Mike Tyson is quoted in a new book as boasting that he likes to hurt women during sex and says the best punch he ever threw was at ex-wife Robin Givens.

The book is by ex-light-heavyweight champion Jose Torres, a former Tyson insider and one-time head of the New York State Athletic Commission.

"I like to hurt women when I make love to them... it gives me pleasure," Torres quotes Tyson as saying in the book "Fire and Fear, the inside story of Mike Tyson."

Neither Tyson, his manager nor agent were immediately available for comment on the book.

Torres, a champion in the 1960s who was trained by Cus d'Amato — Tyson's first trainer and father-figure — wrote that he asked to describe the best punch he had ever thrown in his life.

Tyson smiled, according to Torres and said: "Man, I'll never forget that punch. It was when I fought with Robin in Steve's (a friend's) apartment. She really offended me and I went bam," Torres wrote, describing Tyson

as throwing a fast backhand into the air to illustrate.

"And she flew backwards, hitting every (expletive) wall in the apartment. That was the best punch I've ever thrown in my (expletive) life," Torres quotes Tyson as saying.

Torres wrote that he earlier had told Tyson that men with such attitudes toward women "could be considered latent homosexuals."

Torres wrote that a friend of Tyson's boasted that he and Tyson once had sex with 24 women in one night in Philadelphia.

But just one woman was on his mind in the dressing room before he was to fight James "Bones" Smith for the World Boxing Association title in March 1987, Torres wrote.

"I saw the most beautiful girl in the world on television, tall, elegant. Her name was Robin Givens," Torres quotes Tyson. A few days after he beat Smith, Tyson arranged to meet the actress whom he would marry and divorce after a tumultuous year-long union that made headlines around the world.

The headlines included Givens saying on television that Tyson was a manic depressive who beater.



Lyle slams record 64 in first round

DUBLIN, June 23, (Reuters): Sandy Lyle ended three months of torment yesterday when he ripped the Portmarnock Links apart with a course record 64 in the first round of the Irish Open Golf Championship.

"But there has been no miracle cure," warned the Briton after his eight-under-par round clipped a stroke off a mark that has stood since 1960.

Apart from curing an alignment problem, Lyle could not put a finger on the reasons for his astonishing return to form. "I just holed some putts early on, and got a few breaks. It's a damn game," he said. "When I got to two or three under, I said: 'This is all right — go out and kill it. Be aggressive!'"

The past months have been a nightmare for the former British Open and US Masters champion. He has missed nine cuts in 11 tournaments, the latest of which was his failure to make the last two rounds of last week's US Open.

If Lyle fails to maintain his improvement he will need captain Tony Jacklin to pick him for Europe's Ryder Cup defence against the Americans in September. He cannot qualify automatically.

Lyle needed only 24 putts in an eight-hole round and saved himself with a chip and putt on the few occasions he missed greens. He also satisfied his own high standards by driving the ball well, hitting a monster of more than 350 yards down the parched 17th fairway.

The Scot let the opening round by one shot from American Bill Malley. He took shot eight birdies but bogeyed best score on the 7,100 yards links. It has been equalled four times.

LPGA tourney

MILMINGTON, Del., June 23, (Reuters): Shirley Furlong made up her disappointment on Du Pont's 6,366-yard course last year when she missed the cut last year by firing a five-under-par 66 yesterday to take the first-round lead in a \$550,000 LPGA tournament.

Furlong shrugged off a 90-minute delay due to a thunderstorm to grab a one-stroke lead over Nancy Ramsbottom and 41st Bertotti.

Gallagher takes early lead



Gallagher sends his tee shot off the 17th on his way to shooting a 64. (Reuters wirephoto)

Zaragoza retains title on split decision

LOS ANGELES, June 23, (Reuters): A bloodied and battered Daniel Zaragoza of Mexico came back from a ninth-round knockdown to win a split points decision over American Paul Banke and retain his World Boxing Council bantamweight championship yesterday.

Zaragoza, making the third defence of the title he won in February 1988, was put on the canvas by a right-left combination from Banke just over a minute into the round.

The champion rose at the count of five and survived the round, then came on strong in the

last three rounds to hold off the surprisingly tough challenger.

"It took heart, experience, everything," Zaragoza said. "I was afraid. This is only the second time I've ever been down."

Judge Chuck Giamatti of the United States scored the fight 117-110 for Zaragoza, judge Newton Campos of Brazil had the champion winning 116-110, while judge Guillermo Ayon of Mexico scored it 115-113 for Banke.

"I thought I was ahead until the ninth round. After that I knew I had to come on,"

said Zaragoza, who won the last two rounds on all the judges cards at the Los Angeles Forum.

The 31-year-old Zaragoza used his superior height and reach to control the early rounds and seemed on his way to an easy victory when the number four-ranked Banke opened up a cut in the corner of the champion's right eye.

The cut seemed to bother Zaragoza and boost the confidence of Banke and the two fought on even terms during the middle four rounds.

Reds outclass Braves

Phillies crush Cardinals

NEW YORK, June 23, (AP): Scott Scudder needed only three Major League starts to gain his first victory, but he wanted more.

"As a pitcher, you want a shutout," Scudder said last night after pitching the Cincinnati Reds to 6-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves. "You don't just want a victory," he said.

The victory was enough for manager Pete Rose, one that snapped Cincinnati's four-game losing streak.

"The kid pitched a good ball game," Rose said. "I would like to have seen him get a shutout, but one he lost the shutout, he'd given us was enough."

Scudder, who gave up seven hits and two walks, had five strikeouts in squaring his record at 1-1. He was recalled from the Reds' class AAA farm at Nashville earlier in the day.

Barry Larkin and Todd Benizger homered for the Reds. Tom Glavine, 7-4, took the loss.

Phillies 11, Cardinals 2. Rookie Dennis Cook, in his first start since being traded to Philadelphia by San Francisco, scattered three hits for seven innings, and newly acquired Len Dykstra hit a two-run homer as

the Phillies routed St. Louis.

Cubs 8, Pirates 0. The Chicago Cubs completed their first three-game sweep in Pittsburgh since 1957, beating the Pirates on Rick Sutcliffe's five-hitter. Sutcliffe, 9-4, walked one and struck out Randy Kramer, 1-4, took the loss.

Don Mattingly homered twice in a game for the second time in 11 days and Tom Brookens had three hits, including a go-ahead single in New York's three-run seventh inning, as the Yankees beat the Chicago White Sox 10-7.

"That Mattingly is unbelievable," said Chicago manager Jeff Torborg, a Yankees coach for seven seasons. "I used to like him."

Mattingly's three-run homer in the second gave New York a 4-0 lead. After the Jimmy Jones and New Yankee Greg Cadaret blew a 6-1 lead, falling behind 7-6, Mattingly tied the score with a leadoff homer in the seventh off Shawn Hillegas, 3-7.

Mattingly has 10 homers this season, all in Yankee stadium. "It seems the 13th multiple-homer game of his career."

"I keep trying to keep the ball down," joked Mattingly. "It

seems we've done a little bit better since I've been swinging the bat better."

Brewers 3, Royals 2. Rob Deer's two-run homer tied the game in the ninth and Greg Brock's fielder's choice grounder in the 10th drove in the winning run as Milwaukee rallied past Kansas City.

Ranger 9, Red Sox 1. Rookie Kevin Brown scattered five hits and Geno Petralli again bashed Boston, leading the Texas Rangers over the Red Sox.

Twins 9, Indians 8. Dan Gladden's sacrifice fly capped a two-run rally in the ninth inning and the Minnesota Twins beat the Indians night for their first three-game sweep in Cleveland since June 1971.

Orioles 6, Angels 5. The Baltimore Orioles won their seventh straight game, defeating the California Angels on pinch hitter Jim Traher's tie-breaking home run in the eighth inning.

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Andries to defend crown

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., June 23, (Reuters): Dennis Andries of Britain was a late bloomer in professional boxing but he looks likely to continue his reign as World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight champion tomorrow.

Andries, a native of Guyana, is 35 years old and will give away 11 years in age to hard-punching Australian Jeff Harding. But he dismisses the age gap and remains cool, calm and collected.

"I came here to do a job... and do it very well. I don't want to be like most fighters, bragging and all that. I just try to be Dennis Andries," he said. "I've got to be low key. I don't like to get hyped up and go crazy."

In his first five years as a professional, Andries compiled a mediocre record of 15-6-1, winning mostly by strength and endurance.

"You have to lose some to learn," said Andries, whose only loss in his next 21 fights was to Thomas Hearns. Andries is now 34-7-2.

Harding, ranked number two, is unbeaten in 14

professional fights, winning 11 within the distance. He is the first Australian to challenge for the world light-heavyweight crown.

The 24-year-old Sydney Slugger is a replacement for the former number one contender Donny Lalonde of Canada, who unexpectedly announced his ring retirement last month.

The bout marks the US debut of Harding, who as an amateur recorded 38 victories against two defeats and won a silver medal in the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in 1986 — the year Andries won the WBC title with a 12-round decision over J. B. Williamson in London.

A year later Andries lost his title to Hearns. Andries then joined Hearns' stable, the Kronk boxing team, and relocated to Detroit where he worked on improving his footwork and jabs.

He has since won six straight bouts, including the vacant WBC title last February 21, with a fifth-round knockout of Tony Willis.

Spinks making new start in life

CHICAGO, June 23, (AP): Leon Spinks, the former heavyweight champion who took the champion's belt away from Muhammad Ali in 1978, has stepped into a new ring.

But he doesn't wear fighter's trunks. And the people who come in touch with his hands stay on their feet.

"I'm enjoying the people and the people are enjoying me," says Spinks, a greeter at Dika's restaurant, a popular night spot owned by the Chicago Bears coach.

After losing millions of dollars he made in the ring, the 35-year-old fighter is making a new start in life.

Karen Kerner, the restaurant's spokeswoman, said Spinks "does a wonderful job. He's a goodwill ambassador."

Spinks, 35, retired with a pro record of 18-12-3 after being knocked out in 33 seconds by Tony Morrison in May 1988. An Olympic gold medal winner, he shocked the boxing world when he took the heavyweight title from Ali in his eighth professional fight.

"I've had my lumps and bumps, but now I've got my life on a roll again," he said Tuesday.

Spinks wouldn't say how much Dika is paying him to mingle with customers and represent the restaurant at charity events and other occasions, but one report put it at between \$50,000 and \$70,000 a year.

Before Spinks reached the top of the fight world 11 years ago, he began taking his lumps from tougher kits in the housing project where he grew up in St. Louis.

Yankees deal Henderson to Athletics

NEW YORK, June 23, (Reuters): Rickey Henderson, one of baseball's best base stealers, was traded by the New York Yankees on Wednesday to the 1988 American League champion Oakland Athletics for a trio of players.

Henderson, who is fourth on the all-time stolen base list with 279 and set the Major League record with 130 in 1982, returns to his hometown and original team as relievers Eric Plunk, Greg Cadaret and outfielder Luis Polonia join New York.

One of the most feared lead-off batters in baseball, Henderson, 30, was off to a relatively slow start this season. The explosive outfielder, who is in the last year of a five-year contract, was batting only .247 with 25 steals.

Plunk, a big hard-throwing right-hander, was one of five players the Yankees sent to Oakland in 1984 to acquire Henderson. Plunk, 25, was 1-1 with one save and a 2.20 earned run average (ERA) this season for Oakland.

Cadaret, a left-hander, had no decision and a 2.28 ERA in limited action this season.

Polonia, a 24-year-old Dominican, was hitting .286 with 13 steals for the Athletics.



Rose bites his lips while watching his team during warm-ups prior to the start of the match against Braves. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rose bet on Red's matches

CINCINNATI, June 23, (AP): Pete Rose could be banned from baseball for life if commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti believes evidence in a damaging report on the Cincinnati Reds' manager.

Whether Giamatti gets to make that determination soon is up to a state judge who was told yesterday that baseball's investigators have solid evidence that Rose bet on his own team.

Baseball investigator John M. Dowd outlined the evidence, saying his investigators had telephone records, taped conversations, checkbooks signed by Rose, and "verbal sheets" that have been verified as bearing Rose's handwriting.

The evidence is substantial, with nine witnesses giving information about Rose betting on baseball games or the Reds, according to Dowd.

While defending his report yesterday against attacks by Rose's lawyers, Dowd said he's taken no enjoyment from presenting the case against baseball's all-time hits leader.

"Do I like it? No," Dowd said. "There isn't a day I haven't felt enormous sadness about this matter."

Baseball's special investigator unveiled the case against Rose during a hearing related to Rose's lawsuit against Giamatti. Rose sued him earlier this week, asserting the commissioner is biased and already has decided against him.

The hearing yesterday was on Rose's request for a temporary restraining order that would block his meeting scheduled Monday with Giamatti in New York — the final step before the commissioner decides the case.

Baseball attorney Louis L. Haynes Jr. told Hamilton county common pleas judge Norbert Nadel that it's important to let the commissioner use his full authority in deciding Rose's case.

"What's at stake here is the integrity of the game Major League baseball," Haynes said.

Haynes and Dowd then made it clear that Rose's future standing in the game also is at stake.

"There is evidence, substantial and heavily corroborated evidence, that Mr. Rose bet large sums of money on Major League baseball games and on games of Cincinnati Reds," Haynes said.

The evidence is contained in a 225-page report by Dowd and seven volumes of exhibits that were wheeled into the courtroom yesterday. Nadel has decided to keep the report confidential, against the wishes of Haynes.

"I've asked him virtually every hour on the hour (to release the full report), and I'll continue to ask him," Haynes said, following the hearing.

Dowd explained that the report involves testimony and evidence from more than 60 witnesses and is broken into segments.

NSW ready to face tough British side

SYDNEY, June 23, (Reuters): Australian winger David Campese crosses swords with Britain's finest rugby players tomorrow for the first time since his show-stopping displays in England and Scotland last year.

But Campese's high-stepping skills could well be buried in a muddy, violent battle for supremacy between the Lions and New South Wales forwards in the fifth game of a 12-match tour.

New South Wales have vowed they will answer fire with fire if the Lions forwards stage an early onslaught like that which paved the way for the visitors' 19-15 defeat of Queensland, Australia's best representative team, last weekend.

Many fans claim the Lions were guilty of thuggery and say New South Wales can expect similar treatment as the Lions try to disrupt the Wallabies build-up to the first Test on July 1.

"They unsettled Queensland and all credit to them but I think New South Wales can be just as aggressive," said lock Steve Cutler, one of seven New South Wales players in line for a Test jersey.

"We've now got the advantage of knowing how they are going to play it and if it's a question of meeting fire with fire then that will probably happen."

The Lions appear to have decided on their test back with seven of the eight who played against Queensland named for the last major game before the Test series begins. The only change is at prop where Mike Griffiths comes in for David Sole.

Apart from Robert Jones at scrum-half and Gavin Hastings at full-back, the make-up of the Lions backline looks unfixed although good performances by centres Brendan Mullin and John Devereux would cement their Test positions.

The match has been switched from swamp-like Concord Oval to a rugby League ground in north Sydney but a week of heavy rain ensures it will be won or lost in the forwards.

Teams: New South Wales — Marty Roebuck, David Campese, Darren June, Lloyd Walker, Acura Niquila, Kent Bray, Nick Farr-Jones (captain), Steve Tuynman, Scott Gourley, Steve Cutler, Damien Frawley, Simon Poidevin, Mark Hartill, Phil Kearns, Adrian Skeggs. British Lions — Gavin Hastings, Chris Oti, Brendan Mullin, John Devereux, Ieuan Evans, Craig Chalmers, Robert Jones, Dean Richards, Finlay Calder (captain), Robert Norster, Paul Ackford, Mike Teague, David Young, Brian Moore, Mike Griffiths.

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Federation Cup

EASTBOURNE, June 23, (Reuters): The English city of Nottingham has been chosen to host the 1991 Women's Federation Cup tennis competition, the sport's officials announced yesterday.

Swedish libero

STOCKHOLM, June 23, (Reuters): Swedish libero Glenn Hysen said yesterday he hoped negotiations for a three-year contract with Manchester United would be concluded within a week and that he could join the English club next month.

Chile triumph

SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia, June 23, (Reuters): Chile beat Bolivia 1-0 (half-time 1-0) in a soccer friendly yesterday. Scorer: Covarrubias (17th min). Attendance: 25,000.

Wimbledon qualifer

LONDON, June 23, (Reuters): Australian Todd Woodbridge, who won three of last year's junior Grand Slam tennis doubles titles, has qualified for the Wimbledon singles tournament.

Sanchez out

BARI, Italy, June 23, (Reuters): Number one seed Javier Sanchez of Spain was knocked out of the Bari Tennis Grand Prix in the second round yesterday only four days after winning his first title of 1989.

Title fight

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, June 23, (AP): Orlando Canizales, who battered fellow American Kevin Seabrook in winning the International Boxing Federation bantamweight title almost a year ago, gives Seabrook a chance to regain the championship today.

1992 Games

TORIA, Portugal, June 23, (Reuters): The organizers of the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona hope to hire nine cruise ships to act as hotels during the Games, a meeting of European National Olympic Committees was told on Wednesday.

Cycling race

BRUEGG, Switzerland, June 23, (AP): Belgium's Johan Bruyneel surged ahead 30 kilometers (18.6 miles) from the finish to win yesterday the 10th and longest leg of the Tour of Switzerland road cycling race.

Michael Chang

LONDON, June 23, (Reuters): French Open champion Michael Chang of the United States will have a testing opening match at Wimbledon next week against experienced Texan Bill Scanlon, a quarterfinalist in 1979 but who had to qualify this year.

Belgian goalkeeper

ANKARA, June 23, (Reuters): Belgian international goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff has agreed in principle to join the Turkish First Division soccer club Trabzonspor, club officials said yesterday.

Botafogo win

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, June 23, (AP): Botafogo, renowned for its past glory but winless in tournaments since 1968, scored a 1-0 victory over Flamengo in the final of the Rio State Soccer Championship Wednesday night.

Calhoun dies

ERIE, Pennsylvania, June 23, (AP): Two-time Olympic gold medalist Calhoun, who won the 110-metre hurdles with dramatic victories in Melbourne and Rome, died Wednesday of complications related to a stroke. He was 56.

Becker tames Nargiso for semifinals

HOYLAKE, England, June 23, (Reuters): Boris Becker joked his way into the semifinals of the Wirral International men's grass-court tournament yesterday, beating Italian Diego Nargiso 7-6 7-6.

It was fun and games all the way for a sun-drenched crowd as Becker turned on the humour, aided and abetted by the sharp-witted Italian.

A ball flew off the edge of Becker's racket

into the press enclosure drenching a reporter whose pint of beer was upset.

Becker ran to the umpire's chair, took Nargiso's towel and handed it to the drenched pressman while the Italian in retaliation "stole" Becker's towel and hurled it into the crowd.

The joke finally was on the Italian as Becker overcame early problems with his service to run out a straight sets winner.

Becker said: "My first serve was bad which meant I had to serve well on my second serve. I have served worse but you can't serve aces all the time."

"When you're preparing for a tournament like Wimbledon it's better in the end to have 7-6 7-6 matches than 6-2 6-2 matches."

Becker's compatriot Carl-Uwe Steeb won 7-6 7-5 against American Jim Pugh, who on Wednesday beat John McEnroe.

Navratilova reaches final

Top seed blasts Fairbank



Navratilova: had an easy game

EASTBOURNE, England, June 23, (Reuters): Defending champion Martina Navratilova won through to the final of the \$300,000 Eastbourne Women's Grass-court championships in surprisingly easy fashion today with a straight sets slaughter of unseeded Ros Fairbank.

An error-prone Fairbank, who took a set off the American in last year's Wimbledon quarterfinals, went out meekly 6-3, 6-2.

Navratilova, the top seed who will play either Italian Raffaella Reggi or American Gigi Fernandez in tomorrow's final, was 3-0 up with two breaks before Fairbank. South African-born but recently married to an American, began to put up any resistance.

Fairbank, who beat fourth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia in the third round, did not have a game point on her own serve until her third service game and then lost the advantage to be broken again.

As Navratilova prepared to serve for the set, at 5-2, a telephone in the stand behind her began ringing. The American turned to the crowd and said: "If it's for me, I'm not here."

But despite the joking the incident unsettled Navratilova who dropped her serve and she had to break Fairbank again in the next game to take the set.

Navratilova, playing her ninth singles match in as many days, went 3-0 up in the second set and dropped only four points on her own serve throughout the set, finishing off by breaking Fairbank to 15.

Navratilova, 32, admitted she had had last year's meeting at Wimbledon in mind. "I wanted to avenge myself a bit — even though I won last year it was pretty dicey," she said.

Fairbank was impressed with the change in Navratilova, who lost her Wimbledon title to Steffi Graf last year.

Soviet Union beat Spain

Yugoslavia thrash France

ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA, June 23, (Reuters): The Soviet Union and Yugoslavia took their expected places in the men's European Basketball Championship semifinals yesterday.

Yugoslavia, winners in 1973, 1975 and 1977, beat France 106-89 (half-time 41-48) but only after their star player Drazen Petrovic joined the action in the second half.

The Real Madrid play-maker spent the first 20 minutes on the bench because team coach Dusman Ivkovic wanted to spare him for the semifinals. "It didn't quite work without him," Ivkovic admitted.

France, who had to win to reach the last four, played superbly and helped by the revamped efficiency of Limoges' winger Richard Dacoury, who scored 17 points, took a surprising lead.

But after the break the hosts outclassed France 27-4 between the 26th and 34th minutes, with Petrovic alone scoring 23 points in the period.

French players could do little to stop him, especially after their top rebounder, Franck Butler, was sent off in the 26th minute with five fouls.

Spain had to beat the Soviet

Olympic champions to make the semifinals but their efforts were in vain.

They led 55-47 at half-time but in the 29th minute the Russians took the lead for the first time and, led by centre Arvidas Sabonis, who scored 27 points, cooled pressed on to win 108-96.

The Soviet Union, unbeaten in all three group games, play Greece tomorrow. They last met in the championship final two years ago, when Greece won sensationally 103-101.

Yugoslavia, also unbeaten, face improving Italy in the other semifinal.

Young stars set to pull in big crowd

GLASGOW, Scotland, June 23, (Reuters): The pulling power of the soccer stars of the future will be demonstrated tomorrow when Saudi Arabia play Scotland in the final of the World Under-16 Championship here.

Three weeks ago 9,000 fans turned up at Hampden Park for the senior international between Scotland and Chile. For tomorrow's match, the Scottish Football Association (SFA) are confident there will be a full house of 57,500 at the national stadium.

In fact the ground could have held 73,000 but the SFA and the International Football Federation (FIFA) set a lower figure because of the high percentage of children expected to attend.

Already the two-week long event has bettered the 117,000 attendance aggregate for the 1987 championship in Canada.

The Scottish public, slow to react at first, have gradually been won over and then totally enchanted by the skilful, sporting play. Now they hope to see the home nation lift a world trophy.

Coach Craig Brown said: "We reached the final on merit and I feel we can beat them. But win or lose, I have emphasised to the boys that they must behave with dignity."

Royal Ascot

ASCOT, England, June 25, (Reuters): Results of feature races on the final day of the four-day Royal Ascot horse race meeting today. Hardwicke Stakes (group two) run over 1 1/2 miles.

1. Assault 11-4 on favourite (Ridden by Pat Eddery)
2. Top Class 8-1 (Michael Roberts)
3. Emmonson 13-2 (Willie Carson)

Distances: Three lengths, one length. Winner owned by Khalid Abdulla and trained by Guy Harwood at Fulbourn, West Sussex.

Top tennis stars seek to quash revolution

LONDON, June 23, (Reuters): After the French revolution staged by upstart teenagers Michael Chang and Arantxa Sanchez, the established names of tennis are looking to Wimbledon to restore order in the ranks.

Ivan Lendl, the world number one who has collected seven Grand Slam titles but has never managed to match his other successes on the manicured courts at Wimbledon, has just won the first grass-court title of his career at London's Queen's Club.

He is riding a wave of confidence going into next week's tournament, determined to avoid an ambush like the one the 17-year-old Chang staged in the fourth round of the French Open.

Lendl may not be faced with a major challenge until he reaches the semifinals where Boris Becker, a heavily-backed favourite with leading London bookmakers, is likely to be lying in wait.

The West German, Wimbledon champion in 1983 and 1986 and currently world number two, has some points of personal pride to settle this time around.

Becker beat Lendl in last year's semifinals, before losing to Stefan Edberg in the final, and was piqued to learn that the Wimbledon organisers, who reserve the right to change the order of the computer rankings list when they draw up their seedings, had made him number three.

"I was really surprised Lendl was made number one seed," Becker said. "Stefan and I thought we would be numbers one and two — it did not matter in which order."

But, on past performance, Becker should not worry too much. He overcame Lendl in four sets in 1988 and should find the current spell of English weather, if it continues, to his advantage.

Rain has become something of a tradition at Wimbledon and last year wet weather meant the men's final took place over two days for the first time.

But this year, after weeks of hot and dry weather and with government officials already considering instituting water-rationing, the English grass courts have become even faster than usual.

The Wimbledon title is also the only Grand Slam prize which has eluded Mats Wilander, Edberg's compatriot and anticipated semifinal opponent.

But, unlike Lendl, Wilander does not have the current form to back up his ambitions. Though he reached the quarterfinals on the Paris clay two weeks ago and has had moments of joyful confidence on grass courts since then, the Swede lacks consistency going into Wimbledon.

American John McEnroe, too, has not had the best preparation for Wimbledon. Though he has won two grass-court tournaments in Britain this



Sanchez: beat Graf in the French Open final

month, he lost in the first round of the Wirral event to doubles specialist Jim Pugh on Wednesday and runs straight into in-form Australian Darren Cahill at the All-England Club.

Wilander had words of warning for McEnroe after defeating Cahill 3-6 6-4 6-4 in an exhibition at Wentworth this week.

"There is nothing that says McEnroe should be the favourite — he hasn't really played any real matches in so long," Wilander said. "Darren is a very good grass-court player and I think he can win."

For once, Steffi Graf has something to prove in the women's tournament after her unexpected defeat by the 17-year-old Sanchez in Paris two weeks ago.

After winning the previous five Grand Slam tournaments, success by Graf had become almost routine but Sanchez, who could meet the West German in the Wimbledon quarterfinals if she survives on her last-favourite surface, has added spice to the game.

Spurred on by the evidence that the world number one can be beaten, Martina Navratilova is determined to win back the title she had held for six years until Graf stripped her of it in last year's final.

Navratilova, 32, has looked in good form at the Eastbourne women's tournament this week, radiating a new air of relaxed confidence which she attributes to working with Billie Jean King, herself Wimbledon champion six times.

But Chris Evert, a sentimental favourite with the fans on possibly her last Wimbledon appearance, was floored at Eastbourne by an ear infection although she still plans to play next week and is seeded to meet Graf in the semifinals.

Australia poised to take first innings lead

LONDON, June 23, (Reuters): A superb 94 by David Boon on the second day today left Australia poised to take a first innings lead in the second Test against England at Lord's.

England's bowlers toiled throughout the sun-drenched day with scant success until the final session when four wickets fell to leave Australia on 276 for six in reply to England's 286.

Unbeaten at the close and looking in ominously good form was Steve Waugh who tore England's bowling to shreds in the first Test with an unbeaten 177. He has made 35.

Only one wicket fell in each of the earlier sessions but the England pace trio of Graham Dilley, Neil Foster and Paul Jarvis could be forgiven for feeling hard done by not to have had more success before lunch.

After Dilley had made the early breakthrough by having Geoff Marsh superbly caught behind by Jack Russell for three

in the fourth over of the day, both Mark Taylor and Boon played and missed with exasperating regularity.

Foster finally trapped Taylor leg before, but not until shortly before tea and by then the left-hander had taken his score to 62 to follow his innings of 136 and 60 in the first Test.

Taylor struck eight boundaries and with Boon added 145 for the second wicket in 50 overs.

Yesterday, England wicket-keeper Jack Russell led a tail-end fightback with an unbeaten 64 after Australia's pace bowlers, aided by indifferent batting, had taken control.

Russell, supported effectively by Neil Foster and Graham Dilley, hauled England from 191 for seven to 286 all out.

England, following their defeat in the first Test at Headingley, produced another disappointing batting performance after winning the toss on a good pitch. They slid to 58 for three

and later lost four more wickets for 60.

Top scorer Russell helped to spare some of England's blushes, putting on 46 for the eighth wicket with Foster and sharing a last-wicket stand of 33 with Dilley.

Fast-medium bowler Terry Alderman, match-winner at Leeds, was again a key figure with three for 60, despite twice being warned by umpire Nigel Plews for following through on to the pitch. A further warning would have prevented him bowling again in the innings.

The persevering Merv Hughes took four for 71, including Mike Gatting. The former England captain was out to the first delivery he received on his first appearance of the six-match series. He missed the Headingley Test with a broken thumb.

England's specialist batting was redeemed essentially by opener Graham Gooch, who scored a solid 60, and captain

David Gower, with a fluent 57. The fourth wicket pair illuminated the middle of the innings by putting on 73 in 72 minutes.

Alderman, 10-wicket hero of Headingley, struck the first blow for Australia by having Chris Broad lbw for 18 out of an opening stand of 31.

The combination of Hughes and David Boon, with two catches at short leg from the Victoria paceman's bowling, accounted for Kim Barnett (14) and Gatting within the space of five balls to leave England on 58 for three.

Gooch and Gower, who survived a chance to Dean Jones on seven, carried the attack to the bowlers in their run-a-minute stand, with Gooch reaching his half century in 155 balls. The opener then followed a delivery from medium-pace Steve Waugh that left him a shade and he edged a catch to wicketkeeper Ian Healy, diving in front of first slip.

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